

Ship.. *Brig "Homer"*.....  
Capt.. *George Waggarty*.....  
Years. *July 7-1858- to Oct 4-1859.*



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# The Brig Hooper of

Almost a haunted ship - superstitions - women - ministers

Timely warning - Awful Buoy - money on board - shut in the cabin &c.

Adventure with a Python -

The Golden Rule - C. Ware - altered compass card, scuttle ship &c.

Shipping a Sheriff - murder, robbery, &c.

In a tight place, fight with sloop of war & brig, attack in boats - long eight hours

Saved by a dream - prisoners in irons &c.

Dodging round an English frigate.

Shooting a tiger

Signal gun at sea.

Here in disgrace.

Caribbean Pirate.

Conquering a pair of brutes. Tappan & Tripp.

Story of a Duel.

Adventure with a Crocodile.

River Pirates - Coolies

Little Voyagers - 3 children in boat



# Dravel's Island

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Cornish Bay.

Rocky Beach.

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Robinson's Harbor.

Fairchild's Beach

The Bight or  
Blow Hole Harbor

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Isaac Hicks

Iceberg

Bay

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Long Reef



Journal of a voyage in the Brig *Homer* of  
Nantucket towards Desolation & Hurd's Island  
in the year 1858:— (George F. Coggerty, Master)  
Kept by W<sup>m</sup> H. Macy, 1<sup>st</sup> officer

Sea of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1858. Begins with  
clear weather & moderate breeze from S. & S.W. at  
7 P.M. left the straight wharf at Nantucket in tow of  
steamer *Island Home*, & went out over the bar, east off  
& made sail to the eastward round Great Point, at 10 P.M.  
discharged the pilot, Great Point light bearing about W.  
dist 8 miles. Steer E by N. Middle part moderate breeze  
& fine weather steer E. S. E. 4 A.M. kept S. E. Latter  
part fine weather & light breeze from S. W. to W. Steer  
S. E. employed stowing up deckload & clearing deck &c.

41° 06' N. obs. 67° 41' W. Chron.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & all sail breeze steering S. E.  
the brig leaking badly in the bows, which are discovered  
soon after getting under way: employed securing the  
anchors, fitting whaling craft &c. Middle part smart  
breeze from S. W. steering S. E. took in S. J. sail royal & gaff  
topsail. Leak per estimate from 8 to 900 strokes per hour.  
Latter part fine weather & light breeze, steer S. E.  
saw a few blackfish going quick — found the leak  
about the lumber port in the bow. Caulked it from the  
inside, and reduced the leak considerably. Ended with  
light breeze & fine weather at noon kept off E. S. employed  
coiling new line &c. set the snathheads.

39° 57' N. obs. 65° 00' W. Chron.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from S. W. running  
E by S. Middle much the same, steer E by S. making but little  
water. Latter part the same steer E by S. saw a bark  
bound to W. employed fitting boats &c.

40° 11' N. obs. 62° 08' W. Chron.



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Big Homer in the North Atlantic Ocean.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1858. Fine weather & light breeze from W. S. W. Steer E. by S. bent & set four topmasts studding sails. Middle & latter part the same. Steer E. S. E. getting boats &c. Saw one pair - the brig. making but little water in smooth weather.

Nantucket 39° 54' N. obs. 59° 18' W. Chron.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from W. S. W. Steer E. S. E. by S. Middle & last part the same. Steer E. by S. saw a black band E. & a few daff schooner bound to W. S. W. saw finbacks - & a few blackfish going to windward.



Remains of  
John Will 40° 08' N. obs. 58° 13' W. Chron.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from W. S. W. Steer E. by S. saw finbacks & porpoises. Middle part brisk winds. Steer E. by S. by E. Last part overcast with fine rain & stiff breeze from W. S. W. Steer E. by S. parted the starboard main topmast backstay, fitted & set it up again - saw nothing.

A. B. C. D. E. F. 40° 45' N. obs. ? 52° 48' W. Chron.  
Nantucket, Mass.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Cloudy weather & brisk winds from W. S. W. Kept E. S. E. passed a ship on the Southern tack under easy sail probably a whaler. Middle part overcast weather with light breezes & some rain. Course S. E. by E. Latter part light air & variable & dddrumj. Saw one pair. A. B. C. D. E.

No obs for Long. 40° 13' N. obs. 51° 50' W. D. R.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Cloudy weather & light air & Calm. p. P. M. Saw blackfish. lowered 2 boats. Struck 5. broke one iron  
 drew one, & saved 3. Middle part light breeze from N. E. hauled to N. W. running E. S. E. Latter part baffling & variable winds. employed whaling  
 blubber &c. Saw nothing.

40° 01' N. obs. 50° 15' W. Chron.



Brig Homer, in the North Atlantic, Outward Bound.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1858. Basting winds & variable cleared away the tryworks for boiling &c. Middle part overcast with light breeze from E & heading on a wind from S. to S.E. Latter part light from N.E. heading up E. with fine clear weather. Started the fire for boiling blackfish. Saw grampuses.

39° 20' N. Obs. 48° 24' W. Chron. 48° 55' W. Lunar.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from N. & E. on a wind to the E & finished boiling & cooled down 13 bbls. Middle part overcast weather & brisk wind from N & heading E. took in the light sails. Latter part much the same. Set fore to all sail. Saw nothing.

39° 58' N. Obs. 45° 45' W. Chron. 46° 32' W. Lunar.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from N & E on a wind head from E to S.E. Middle part light winds & overcast with Scotch mist & fine rain. Head from S.E. to E by S. Latter part light air & calm. 7 A.M. Saw blackfish. Hoveed 2 boats & took 4. 7 A.M. got them on board.

39° 46' N. Obs. 44° 05' W. Chron.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Light air & calm, with tumbling swell. Middle part took a light breeze from W & squared the yards, set studding sail & royal. Steer E by S. Latter part moderate breeze from W & steer E S.E. missed blackfish blubber &c. Saw several finbacks.

40° 21' N. Obs. 42° 08' W. Chron.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & all sail breeze from W & set the main sail, steer S.E. by E & E. Middle part brisk winds, steer S.E. by E & E. passed a bark on the Northern tack. 5 A.M. saw sperm whales, hoveed 2 boats in chase, but going quick to windward could not overtake them. 7 A.M. took the boats.



# Brig Homer, in the North Atlantic Ocean.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1858.

and stood on a wind, S. A. M. seeing nothing more  
squared the yards & kept E. S. E. stiff breeze & rugged  
from W. d. boiling blackfish &c.

40° 15' N. Obs. 39° 31' W. Chron.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & brisk all sail bore from W. d.  
running E. S. E. finished boiling blackfish 3 bbls.  
saw several frigate. Middle part kept S. E. by E. & E.  
Latter part the same, employed in various small  
jobs. Saw one frigate.

40° 16' N. Obs. 35° 33' W. Chron.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Brisk all sail bore from W. d.  
steer S. E. by E. Middle & last part the same  
steering S. E. nothing in sight.

39° 40' N. Obs. 32° 02' W. Chron (30<sup>th</sup>)

Thursday 22<sup>d</sup> Brisk all sail bore from W. d. running  
S. E. saw porpoises & passed a bark bound to the  
N. d. 2 1/2 P. M. saw the island of Flores right ahead  
dist. abt. 45 miles. kept up S. E. by S. running in  
for it. at sundown the weather end of Flores bore  
S. E. by S. dist. 12 miles. Corvo bearing E. by N. took  
in the light sails. Middle part struck wind at  
W. S. W. backing off & on under easy sail, at daylight  
ran down for the north end of the island. At 11 A.  
Capt went ashore in the boat at Ponta Delgada to  
trade. the brig lying off & on with a strong tide  
setting her down to the E. d.

Friday 23<sup>d</sup> Strong breeze from W. to S. W. lying off & on  
at Ponta Delgada, Flores. but owing to the weather  
& current we were unable to get all our recruits on  
board, at 6 P. M. Capt came off. - received on  
board a few bags potatoes, and 6 men to complete  
the crew. passed a whaling bark under easy sail  
& a large clipper ship under royals, bound E. d. -



Big Homer, off Hon at Flores, Azores.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 1858. Middle part rugged weather & strong winds. made a long stretch off & fetched round to windward. 7 A.M. kept off & ran down again under Punta Delgada. strong gales & rugged. Single reefed the mainsail & foretopsail, took the Portuguese launch alongside, and received on board 80 bushels potatoes & 7000 onions. at noon finished & made sail to go down the E. side of Flores.

30:44' N. Chron

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & brisk winds from W. steering S. saw a clipper whaling bark under cruising sail. Middle part moderate breeze steering S. Latter part light air. employed stowing away potatoes &c. unbent the cables & stowed them away.

37:33' N. obs. 29:38' W. Chron.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Light air & calm. Middle part calm. saw porpoises. Latter part calm & light air from S.W. head S. S.E.

37:16' N. obs. 29:24' W. Chron

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Light air from S.W. on a wind S. S.E. saw a large ship heading to N.E. Middle part moderate breeze from S.W. Latter part fine weather & light breeze from S.W. head S. S.E. saw 2 sails.

36:25' N. obs. 27:44' W. Chron.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from S. & W. on a wind from S. S.E. to S. Middle part light air. Latter part light air & calm. broke out the after hold for stows. saw nothing.

35:37' N. obs. 27:22' W. Chron.



Brig Homer, in the North Atlantic Ocean.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 1858. Light airs & Calm.  
4 A.M. light wind from S.E. on a wind S.W.S.  
Middle part light airs, Calm & doldrums. Saw blackfish  
 Latter part light airs from S.E. & E. on the S.W. tack  
 Saw porpoises & one sail bound to the S.E.

35° 08' N. Obs. 28° 00' W. Chron.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Light airs from S.E. & E. on the S.W.  
Tack, one brig in sight. Middle part the same.  
 Latter part Calm, took both lower anchors  
 \* in on deck.

34° 34' N. Obs. 27° 29' W. Chron

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Light airs & Calm, Middle part  
Calm & light airs from W. heading S by W.  
& S.S.W. Latter part the same. Saw  
nothing.

34° 13' N. Obs. 27° 40' W. Chron

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Light airs from W. at noon  
saw blackfish, lowered 2 boats & chased  
but could not strike, took the boats up.  
ster S.S.W. Middle & last part the same.  
Calm & light airs from W. Saw nothing

33° 50' N. Obs. 27° 38' W. Chron

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1858. Begins with Calm  
& light airs from W. head S by W & S.S.W.  
Middle part Calm. Latter part light  
breeze from N.W. set fore & mainmast standing sail  
steering S.S.W. Caught 3 dolphins

33° 17' N. Obs. 27° 18' W. Chron



Boreas -  
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Brig Homer, in the North Atlantic Ocean, outward bound.

Monday 2<sup>d</sup> August, 1858. Fine weather & light breeze from N.W. steering S.S.W. Middle part light from N.E. steered S.W. by S. & S.S.W. Latter part steered S.S.W. under all sail. broke out the main hold for water &c. a large square rigged brig in company, bound to Id.

32° 04' N. Obs. 27° 22' W. Chron.

Tuesday 3<sup>d</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from N.E. steered S.W. by W. Middle part light breeze from N.E. 9 P.M. spoke the English brig "Brittania", from Liverpool for Pernambuco. Latter part light breeze from E.N.E. & squally, steering S.W. by W. brig still in company, caught some bonito.

30° 10' N. Obs. 27° 21' W. Chron.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Moderate breeze from E.N.E. & squally, steering S.W. by W. Middle part brisk winds at E.N.E. Latter part the same, steered S.W. by W. brig still in company - passed a ship bound to Mt. Ad.

27° 30' N. Obs. 27° 26' W. Chron. 26° 52' Lunar

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Brisk winds hauling to E & E.S.E. steering S.W. Middle part light breeze from E.S.E. took in the studding sail. Latter part much the same. 2 sails in sight.

25° 12' N. Obs. 27° 11' W. Chron.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Moderate trades - hauled back to E & E by N. set the studding sail, steering S.W. Middle & last part much the same, winds from E & E.N.E. Course S.W. Saw nothing.

23° 53' N. Obs. 26° 52' W. Chron.



Brig Homer, in the North Atlantic Ocean.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August. 1858. Cloudy weather & moderate trades from E & E.N.E. Steering S by W. Middle & last part moderate from N.E. steer S by W. Saw nothing.

20° 28' N. Obs. 26° 42' W. Chron.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Moderate trades from N.E. & cloudy. Steer S by W. 4 P.M. kept S  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. Middle part light trades. Last part much the same. A brig in company bound to the Sd. Cloudy weather & no obs. for Lat.

18° 30' N. D.R. 26° 30' W. Chron.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Cloudy weather & light trades steering S by W. brig in company. Saw a turtle. Middle part light air. Steering S. - 5 A.M. saw the island of San Antonio, (Cape Verde) to the Eastward. Latter part clear weather & light trades from N.E. Steering S. - saw porpoises.

16° 54' N. Obs. 26° 06' W. Chron.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light trades from N.E. Steering S. Middle part light air. Latter part light from N to N.E. a large ship in sight bound to the Sd. 8 A.M. saw a humphrey. Chased 2 boats in chase but did not get near him. took the boats up & kept S. again.

15° 56' N. Obs. 25° 46' W. Chron.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light trades from N.E. painted the fore yard. Middle & latter part light air & fine weather. 2 sails in sight.

14° 14' N. Obs. 25° 19' W. Chron.



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Brig Homer, in the North Atlantic, Outward Bound.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August, 1858. Light air & baffling. Middle part Calms & old drums. 1 A.M. took a light breeze from W.S.W. on a wind S. in latter part light air from S.W. & W.S.W. Saw Bravo to the E. & caught a dolphin.

13° 37' N. Obs. 25° 07' W. Chron.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Light air from S.W. & W.S.W. with calms &c. 13 sails in sight. Middle part light breeze from W. with rain squalls &c. Steer S. by W. Latter part light breeze from N.W. to N. with squalls. Set studding sail steering S. by W. & S. one sail in sight.

12° 20' N. Obs. 24° 51' W. Chron.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Light breeze from N. steering S. by W. Middle part from N. E. & squally. Latter part from E. to S.E. & squally. course S. by W. 2 sails in sight, struck a porpoise & lost him.

10° 44' N. Obs. 24° 40' W. Chron.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Light breeze from E. to S.E. & squally. picked up an empty beef tierce with one head out. Middle part hauled to S. & W. with squally weather & heavy rain took in light sails. head from E. S. E. to S. S. E. Latter part more moderate from S.W. with rain squally. set fore & gale & sail. one sail in sight. head S. S. E. on a wind.

10° 04' N. Obs. 23° 56' W. Chron.



# Brig Homer, in the North Atlantic Ocean.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 1858. Light breeze from S.W. with tumbling swell. on a wind S.E. Middle part squally & rainy from S.E. & W. on a wind S. to S.E. Latter part thick & rainy from S.W. to W.

No Observation. 9:05' N. D.R. 23:25' W. D.R.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Begins with thick & rainy weather from S.W. to W. — a bark in company bound to S.E. Middle part light breeze, squalls & rain. Latter part strong wind from W. & heavy squalls head S by W. took in the light sails, carrying whole fore topsail & mainsail. Bark in company.

No Observation. 7:45' N. D.R. 22:40' W. D.R.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>. Begins with strong wind & heavy squalls of wind & rain from W. to S.W. reefed the mainsail & closed the fore topsail. furled the jib. head S to S.E. Middle part strong wind & rainy. Set the jib. Latter part weather cleared with strong breeze from S.W. Set whole fore topsail & mainsail — 3 sails in sight.

7:07' N. Obs. 21:00' W. Chron

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Strong breeze & rugged at S.W. & heading to S.E. on the S.E. tack — at 4 PM tacked to W. signalled a large ship showing English colors. and a bark showing Brazilian Middle part rugged with strong breeze from S.E. heading W. S. & W. S.W. Latter part now moderate. Set fore & gall'sail. Ship & bark in company.

Leak about 500 shoty an hour in rugged seas

6:32' N. Obs. 22:00' W. Chron

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Big Homer, North Atlantic, Outward Bound

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 1858. Moderate breeze from Sd. Set the light sails on the W. S. W. tack, passed another bark on the Eastern tack. Carried away the larboard main topmast backstay, felled & set it up again. Middle part fine weather & moderate breeze from Sd. Latter part much the same; head W. S. W. & S. W. by W. 2 sails in sight.

5:02' N. Obs. 23:11' W. Chron.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Fine weather & moderate breeze from Sd. Saw porpoises & 4 sails. Middle & latter part brisk winds from Sd. - head from S. W. by W. to W. by S.

3:41' N. Obs. 25:21' W. Chron.

Sunday 22<sup>d</sup> Cloudy weather & moderate breeze from Sd. Middle part the same, head W. S. W. off to W. at midnight tacked to the E. S. Latter part brisk wind, head E. S. E. & S. E. by E. Saw nothing.

2:59' N. Obs. 24:38' W. Chron.

Monday 23<sup>d</sup> Fine weather & moderate breeze from Sd. head E. S. E. & S. E. by E. one sail in sight. Middle & last part fine weather & light breeze heading E. S. E. & off to E. mended fore top gale sail &c. Saw nothing. at noon tacked to the S. W. -

2:48' N. Obs. 23:53' W. Chron.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from Sd. On the western tack. Middle & latter part fine weather & moderate breeze, unbent the main topmast staysail to mind - heading S. W. & S. W. by W. Saw nothing -

1:24' N. Obs. 24:54' W. Chron.



Brig Homer, near the line, Atlantic Ocean

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 1858, Fine weather & moderate breeze from S. S. E. on the S. W. tack. Middle part light from S. E. head from S. by W. to S. W. by S. Last part much the same. Bent the stay sail & unbent the gaff topsail to mend. Saw nothing.  $\nabla$   $0^{\circ} 06' N.$  Obs.  $25^{\circ} 44' W.$  Chron

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from S. S. E. & bent the gaff topsail, one sail in sight. Middle part moderate breeze from S. S. E. head S. W. Latter part much the same. Saw one sail.

Crossed the Equator after a passage of 50 days from Nantucket.

$1^{\circ} 25' S.$  Obs.  $26^{\circ} 44' W.$  Chron.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & moderate breeze from S. S. E. on the S. W. tack. Middle & Latter part much the same. head S. W. by S. Saw nothing.

$3^{\circ} 14' S.$  Obs.  $27^{\circ} 46' W.$  Chron.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & moderate trades from S. S. E. to S. E. Middle part brisk wind heading up S. by W. Latter part the same from E. S. E. head S. by W. Saw a finback. Leak about 800 stotes an hour with stiff breeze.

$5^{\circ} 20' S.$  Obs.  $28^{\circ} 06' W.$  Chron

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & moderate breeze from E. S. E. star S. by W. Saw white water. Middle part strong breezes from E. & E. S. E. run S. by W. took in the light sails. Latter part the same with rugged weather, at noon set the fore topgall sail.

$7^{\circ} 54' S.$  Obs.  $28^{\circ} 35' W.$  Chron.



Brig Homer, in the South Atlantic Ocean.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 1858. Strong trades from E.N.E. running S by W. Middle & latter part the same made etc same, set fore topmast studdingsail - steer S by W. wind N.E. saw porpoises -

10° 40' S. Obs. 28° 38' W. Chron

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>. Fine weather & brisk trades from N.E. steer S by W & S by W. Middle part moderate from E & latter part light breeze, steering S by W. broke out the main hold for water, & stowed the big chain below

13° 15' S. Obs. 28° 40' W. Chron

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1858. Fine weather & light air from E to N.E. - Middle part light air from N.E. steer S. Latter part brisk winds from N.E. running S. Saw a finback.

15° 03' S. Obs. 28° 35' W. Chron

Thursday 2<sup>d</sup>. Fine weather & moderate breeze from N.E. to N.E. steer S. Middle part moderate breeze from N.E. steer S by W. Latter part light breeze & cloudy weather set up the jib stay &c. saw nothing.

No Observation - 17° 00' S. D.R. 28° 35' W. D.R.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>. Light & baffling windy with rain. Middle part light breeze & squally from E.S.E. to S.E. head S by W. to S.W. Latter part moderate breeze from S.E. passed a ship & a bark. both bound to the N.

18° 22' S. Obs. 28° 53' W. Chron. 28° 14' W. Lunar



Brig Homer. South Atlantic Ocean. Outward.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 1858. Cloudy weather & moderate breeze from S.E. & E. on a wind S.W. & S.S.W. bent a new fore staysail. - Middle part brisk wind from S.E. & E. on a wind S.S.W. Latter part much the same. Saw nothing.

20° 00' S. Obs. 29° 48' W. Chm.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Cloudy & hazy with brisk wind from S.E. on a wind S.S.W. Saw nothing of Trinidad. Middle part hazy weather & moderate breeze from S.E. Latter part light breeze & fine, head S.W. & S.S.W. Saw nothing.

No obs for Long. 21° 25' S. Obs. 30° 10' W. D.R.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from S.E. parted the lashing off the barboard fore topmast backstay fitted new one & set it up again. Middle part light wind from S.E. & thick weather with fine rain. Latter part thick & rainy with strong breezes from S.E. to S. on the S.W. tack took in the light sail.

No observation. 23° 05' S. D.R. 30° 50' W. D.R.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Thick & rainy with strong wind from S.E. & S.W. - on the S.W. tack. Reefed the mainsail & fore topsail - Middle part thick & rainy with strong wind. took in the jib, at daylight blowing on, took in fore topsail & foresail, & close reefed the mainsail. Latter part blowing a gale from S.E. with dry weather, lying on the S.W. tack.

Sun eclipsed. 24° 02' S. Obs. 32° 02' W. Chm.



# Brig Homer, in the South Atlantic.

1858

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 1858. Blowing a gale from S.E. with a heavy sea on, lying under close reefed mainsail & storm staysail, up S.S.W. off S.W. Middle part much the same, at daylight set the foresail & close reefed foretop sail. Latter part strong wind from S.E. & heavy sea on still on the S.W. back.

24° 28' S. Obs. 32° 53' W. Chron.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Strong wind from S.E. & rugged sea on. Set single reefed foretop sail & mainsail. Middle part much the same. Latter part more moderate with a tumbling sea set jib, whole foretop sail & mainsail, on a wind. head from S.S.W. to S.W.

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Carrie May

25° 36' S. Obs. 33° 48' W. Chron.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Moderating to fine weather & moderate breeze from S.E. made all sail on a wind. Middle part light air from S.E. Latter part calms & light baffling air, broke out the after hold for slops &c. one sail in sight.

26° 16' S. Obs. 34° 12' W. Chron.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light air from W. & set the foretopmast studding sail, steering S.E. by S. Middle part fresh breeze from S.W. & squally running S.E. took in the light sail. at daylight made all sail with strong breeze at S.W. took in the waist boat & put her over the topworks. 10 A.M. wind hauled to S.W. & blowing in with thick weather & rain took in sail - furled jib & close reefed the foretop sail & mainsail, running off E.S.E.

27° 41' S. Obs. 32° 14' W. Chron.



Brig Homer, in the South Atlantic Ocean, outward.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1858. Strong wind from S.W. & S.S.W., running E.S.E. under close reef. Middle part the same. Last part the same from S.S.W. to S. with a heavy sea on. Set the jib, steering E.S.E.  
27° 50' S. Obs. 29° 37' W. Chron

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Strong winds from S & S.W. heading E.S.E. set single reef fore topsail — 6 P.M. squally, close reefed fore topsail & furled jib. Middle part baffling from S to S.E. & squally, head from E.S.E. to E.N.E. Last part now moderate from S to S.S.E. made sail to fore topgallant sail, tore the mainmast — mended & set it again. Saw one sail —

27° 41' S. Obs. 28° 00' W. Chron  
28° 23' W. Lunar

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Bish winds from S. to S.E. & squally, on the Eastern tack. — at 5 P.M. tacked to the S.W. rugged weather & heavy squally with a large head sea, single reefed fore topsail & mainmast & furled the jib — 8 P.M. close reefed the fore topsail & mainmast. Middle part mixed with heavy squalls, furled the fore topsail. Last part fresh gale from S.S.E. with a large sea on, lying under foresail, close reefed mainmast & staysails, bow the S.W. tack, the brig leaning smartly while diving into the head sea.  
28° 04' S. Obs. 28° 54' W. Chron.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Fresh gale at S.S.E. & heavy sea, Middle part much the same, set close reefed fore topsail. Last part now moderate, set the jib & single reef, head from S.S.W. to S.W.  
Leak about 700 strokes an hour

29° 00' S. Obs. 30° 07' W. Chron.



# Brig Homer, in the South Atlantic Ocean.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 1858. Brisk wind from S.S.E. moderating down, made all sail again — 5 P.M. tacked to the E. Middle part brisk wind & squally — 9 P.M. tacked back to S.W. took in the light sails. Last part fine weather & moderate breeze from S.E. under all sail on the S.S.W. tack.

29° 43' S. Obs. 30° 35' W. Chron.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & moderate breeze from S.E. & E. Middle part moderate from S.E. to E. heading from S.S.W. to S.W. Last part cloudy weather & light air. Aurora.

31° 05' S. Obs. 31° 00' W. Chron.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Cloudy weather & light air & calm — Middle part light breeze from N.E. & hauled to N. set foremast, studd' sail, then S.E. Last part the same from N. & N.W. then S.E. saw a finback.

32° 06' S. Obs. 29° 43' W. Chron.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Cloudy weather & light breeze from N.W. & N. starting S.E. & E. under all sail — Middle part light air from N.W. & N. Last part fine weather & light breeze, hauled back to N. running S.E. & E. under all sail, saw porpoises & finback.

32° 36' S. Obs. 28° 09' W. Chron.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from N. running S.E. under all sail — Middle part brisk breeze hauled back to N. & E. Last part strong breeze from N.E. took in the light sails, sent down the fore royal yard, running S.E. overcast weather & No observation.

33° 45' S. L.R. 26° 00' W. L.R.



Brig Homer, in the South Atlantic, Outward -

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. 1858. Overcast weather & strong breezes from N. E. running S. E. ~ 6 P.M. closed up the mainsail & foretopsail, furled the jib - 10 P.M. took in the foretopsail. Middle part strong winds from N. E. running S. E. ~ 6 A.M. set closed up foretopsail - 9 A.M. furled it again. Last part blowing a fresh gale from N. E. hauling to N. W. running S. E. & S. E. by S. with a heavy sea on.

36:00 S. Obs. 23:07 W. Chron

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Blowing a gale from N. E. & hauling to W. & run off E. before the sea & wind, furled the mainsail & run under the foresail with an ugly cross sea - Middle part strong gales, running E. under the foresail. Last part the same. Set closed up foretopsail, running E. by S.

35:40 S. Obs. 19:57 W. Chron.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Strong gales from W. running E. by S. with a large sea on. set single reefed foretopsail - 6 P.M. closed up again, kept E. S. E. - Middle part strong gales from W. to W. S. W. running E. S. E. & E. by S. Last part the same from W. S. W. set main stay sail & closed up mainsail, hauled up S. E. by E. Saw a large clipper ship, with 6 topsail yards, bound to the E. & showing Dutch colors.

35:30 S. Obs. 16:52 W. Chron.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Strong winds from W. S. W. moderating down with a humbling sea on. Steering S. E. - Middle part moderating & hauling back to W. N. W. with a large swell. set whole foretopsail - jib &c - Last part light breeze from N. W. & heavy swell made aft haul, steering S. E. bent new foretopmast stud sail & set them both sides, broke out the main hold for water. a bark in sight under easy sail - apparently a whaler.

36:26 S. Obs. 14:42 W. Chron.



Brig Homer, near Tristan da Cunha, outward.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 1858. Fine weather & moderate breeze from N.W. with a heavy swell. steering S.E. & S.E. by E. Middle part strong breezes took in studding sails, running S.E. by E. - 1 A.M. single reefed the foretop sail & ran E by S. - 6 A.M. saw Inaccessible Island bearing S.E. Latter part strong winds from N.W. & huffed, at eleven reefed mainsail & ran E by S to the northward of the island, at noon we are abreast of the North end of Tristan da Cunha, dist 10 miles - Overcast weather & No obs for Lat

36° 55' S. D.R. 12° 41' W. Chron (9 A.M.)

Chron 30 miles 'E. of Chart.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Rugged weather & strong winds from N.W. running E by S. Saw kelp & great multitudes of birds - Middle part the same, passed a vessel to the S. by N. to. Latter part the same but moderating. Latter part set whole foretop sail & single reefed mainsail. steering E by S. Overcast weather & No observation for Lat.

36° 50' S. D.R. 8° 26' W. Chron.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Cloudy weather & brisk winds from N.W. set foretopgall sail & studding sail, running E by S. Middle part strong breezes - took in the light sails - single reefed the mainsail - Latter part the same, running E by S. at noon kept E. S. E. ~

36° 18' S. Obs. 4° 22' W. Chron.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from N.W. running E. S. E. Saw one sail bound to the E. & ~ 7 P.M. reefed the foretop sail & fore reefed the mainsail - Middle part wind hauled aft to N.W. & lowered the mainsail - Latter part moderate breezes from N.W. made all sail - sent down the main topmast & set up the stay from the mainmast head - running E. S. E.

36° 20' S. Obs. 1° 01' W. Chron.



# Brig Homer, in the South Atlantic Ocean.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1858. Stiff breeze from N.W. & hauling to N.N.W. took in the mainsail running E.S.E. 10 P.M. took in fore top gall'sail & studdingsail. 7 P.M. doused the fore topsail, with strong winds from W. Middle part moderating shook out the reef again. Last part light wind from W to N.W. & tumbling swell, steering E.S.E. at noon kept S.E.

36° 15' S. Obs. 0° 52' E. Chron

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Light air from N. & W. & tumbling swell steering S.E. Middle part light breeze from N. to N.E. Last part light breeze from N.E. & E.N.E. with fine weather. Steering S.E.

36° 55' S. Obs. 3° 02' E. Chron.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1858. Fine weather & light breeze from E.N.E. on a wind S.E. Middle part the same; 2 A.M. wind veered round to S.W. with light breeze. Last part moderate breeze from S.W. & W.S.W. steering S.E.

37° 37' S. Obs. 5° 07' E. Chron.

Saturday 2<sup>d</sup> Began with fine weather & light breeze from S.W. to W. steering S.E. Saw finbacks. 7 P.M. brisk wind from S.W. & cloudy took in light sails & single reefed fore topsail & mainsail. Middle part moderate breeze from S.W. & S.S.W. Last part the same from S.W. to W.S.W. made all sail again - steering S.E. no sail in sight bound to the S.E.

37° 53' S. Obs. 7° 35' E. Chron.

Leak. very little, in moderate weather.



Brig Homer. South Atlantic Ocean. Outward.

Sunday, 3<sup>d</sup> October, 1858. Moderate breeze from W. S. W. to W. Steering S. E. Middle part moderate & baffling from S. S. W. to W. Last part light & baffling with calms. Fog, doldrums &c. Course S. E. Saw a finback.

38° 20' S. Obs. 10° 04' E. Chron.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Light air & baffling in Middle part calms & light air - Last part light breeze from S. & E. on a wind E. & E. S. E. Saw finback.

38° 08' S. Obs. 11° 00' E. Chron.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light winds from S. S. E. on a wind to the E. Middle part moderate breeze from S. to S. E. Last part the same, took in the fore to gale & sail - head E. & E. by S.

37° 24' S. Obs. 12° 36' E. Chron.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from S. & on a wind E. to E. S. E. Saw a spout to windward but lost the run of it - Middle part calms & light air from S. E. Last part light winds from S. & heading variously from N. E. to E. S. E.

36° 42' S. Obs. 13° 28' E. Chron.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light air from S. & Middle part light air from S. & W. with calms. Fog &c. - A. M. took a breeze from W. set fore & main & stood & sail S. S. E. Last part fine weather & moderate breeze from N. W. at standing sail both sides. running S. S. E. one sail in tight bound to the S. &

36° 59' S. Obs. 14° 19' E. Chron.



Brig Homer, off the Cape of Good Hope. Outward -  
Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1858. Began with moderate  
breezes from N.W. to N.W. by increasing to strong  
windy. Took in sail to close reefed mainsail &  
single reefed fore topsail, running S. S. E. Middle  
part the same, close reefed the fore topsail. Last  
part the same with frequent squalls, running  
S. S. E. one ship in sight bound to the S. E. Saw  
a school of blackfish.

38° 10' S. Obs. 16° 54' E. Chron.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> - Rugged weather & strong winds from  
N.W. to W.W. running S. S. E. & S. E. by S. under  
foresail & close reefed fore topsail & mainsail. Middle  
part strong winds & squalls, took in the mainsail.  
Last part the same, running S. E. by S.

39° 27' S. Obs. 20° 18' E. Chron.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from N.W. & moderating.  
Set fore to gallsail over single reef - running S. E. by S.  
- 6 P.M. close reefed again - bent the main trysail  
& set it - Middle part strong winds from W.W.  
running S. E. by S. - 1 A.M. kept S. E. Last part  
strong winds & squalls with a large sea on, running  
S. E.

40° 30' S. Obs. 24° 56' E. Chron.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Strong gales from W.N.W. running off  
S. E. under close reefed fore topsail, foresail, trysail &  
staysails. heavy squalls & large sea. 6 P.M. reefed  
the foresail. Middle part now moderate & squally  
with rain, hauling to W. S. W. Last part moderating  
made sail, set fore to gallsail over single reef  
steering S. E.

40° 14' S. Obs. 27° 57' E. Chron.



Brig Homer, in the Indian Ocean.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> - October, 1858. Bristle winds from W.S.W. moderating down & hauling to S.W. steu S.E. by S. Middle part moderate breeze from S.W. braced up. steu S.S.E. Last part stiff breeze hauling back to W & W.N.W. set studding sail, running S.S.E.

41° 05' S. Obs. 30° 43' E. Chron

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Strong breeze from W.N.W. & N.W. running S.S.E. took in sail to close reefed foretop sail. Middle part moderated to light winds from S.W. & tumbling sea. Last part Calm & light air from S.E. & hauling round to E. & made all sail.

41° 25' S. Obs. 31° 49' E. Chron. 30° 57' E. Lunar.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Light breeze from E. & hauling to E.N.E. & S. Increasing to brisk winds, heading S.S.E. & S.E. by S. under all sail. Middle part stiff breeze from N.E. 10 P.M. single reefed top sail & mainsail. 4 A.M. close reefed. Latter part blowing on a gale. 10 A.M. took in foretop sail & foresail & hove to on the port tack. head from S.E. to E.S.E.

No Observation 42° 37' S. D.R. 34° 15' E. D.R.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Blowing a gale from N.E. with heavy squalls & thick rainy weather. lying to on the S.E. tack. under try sail & stay sails. Middle part wind hauled round by N to N.W. at 1 A.M. set the foresail & foretop sail & kept off S.E. by S. Last part blowing a gale from N.W. running S.E. by S. under foresail & close reefed foretop sail.

No Observation 43° 20' S. D.R. 36° 20' E. D.R.



# Brig Homer in the Indian Ocean.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Blowing a heavy gale from N.W. hauling  
to W. with a very heavy sea, running S. E. by S.  
& S. E. under foresail & close reefed fore topsail -  
Middle part blowing hard from W. running from  
S. E. by E. to E. to keep before the sea. Last part more  
moderate, at 8 A.M. set the trysail & staysails &  
kept up S. E. at noon kept S. E. by S.

42° 34' S. Obs. 40° 09' E. Chron.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Strong breeze from W. with a tumbling  
sea on, steering S. S. E. & S. by E. under foresail, close reefed  
fore topsail, trysail & staysails - Middle part brisk  
winds from W. & rugged. Last part the same.  
steering S. by E.

43° 48' S. Obs. 42° 19' E. Chron.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Brisk wind from W. & moderating, set  
single reefed topsail & gibe - 6 P.M. set fore top gale's sail  
over single reef - steering S. by E. Middle part brisk  
winds from W. to N.W. Last part the same from  
N.W. running S. by E. broke out the main hold for  
bread &c. saw several finbacks.

45° 09' S. Obs. 44° 33' E. Chron.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Brisk winds from N.W. carrying fore top gale's sail  
over single reefed topsail, running S. by E. Middle  
part much the same. - at daylight moderate -  
made all sail - set studding sail. Latter part  
died away to light airs & hauling to N. -  
course S. by E. saw finback & blackfish.  
at noon kept S. E. by S.

No Obs. for Long.

46° 16' S. Obs. 46° 48' E. D. R.



Brig Homer, in the Indian Ocean, Outward.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. 1858. Light winds, hauled round to N. E. steering S. E. by S. & S. E. Middle part breezing on strong, close reefed the fore topsail & mainsail. 2 A.M. furlled the fore topsail. Last part blowing a gale from E. N. E. at 9 A.M. took in fousail & mainsail, bent the topsail & hove to on the port tack head to S. E. thick & rainy.

No Observation.  $46^{\circ}45'$  S. D. R.  $48^{\circ}50'$  E. D. R.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Thick & rainy from E. N. E. lying to on the S. E. tack under topsail & staysails. 6 P.M. with hauling to N. set reefed fousail & fore topsail, & steer S. E. by S. Middle part moderate from N. & thick fog. Last part the same, set whole foresail & fore & gale's sail over single reef. steering S. E. by S. & S. S. E. thick fog & No obs. for Long.

$48^{\circ}00'$  S. Obs?  $50^{\circ}28'$  E. D. R.

Friday 22<sup>d</sup> Moderate breeze from N. & thick fog, steer S. E. Middle part moderate from N. W. Last part light breeze from N. W. with fog. Steer S. E. set studding sails both sides.

$48^{\circ}25'$  S. Obs?  $52^{\circ}12'$  E. Chron?

Saturday 23<sup>d</sup> Light breeze from N. W. & foggy. 4 P.M. with hauling to the S. W. braced up & took in studding sails. Middle part increasing to strong winds from S. & on a wind E. & 2 A.M. close reefed fore topsail & furlled the jib. Last part strong wind & rugged. 8 A.M. reefed the fousail. head E. to E. S. E.

$47^{\circ}40'$  S. Obs?  $53^{\circ}12'$  E. Chron? -

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Rugged weather & strong winds from S. & carrying reefed fousail & close reefed fore topsail on a wind E. S. E. to E. Middle part the same with snow. Last part moderate with a rugged swell & fine snow. head from E. S. E. to E. N. E.

$46^{\circ}53'$  S. Obs)  $54^{\circ}44'$  E. Chron.  
 $46^{\circ}58'$  S. D. A)



Brig Homer, near the Crozet Islands.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October. 1858. Moderate wind from S. & rugged sea, under easy sail on the Eastern Tack.

Middle part calms & light airs. 6 A.M. light breeze, hauled round by E. to N.E. made all sail, set studding sail, steering S by E. Last part brisk all sail bore from N.E. steering S by E. saw porpoises.

47° 06' S. Obs. 53° 53' E. Chron.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Brisk all sail breeze from N.E. & increasing to strong wind, running S by E. at 7 P.M. close reefed the fore topsail. Middle part thick & raining from N.E. & hauled to N. 12 M. reefed the foresail. 4 A.M. wind hauled to N.N.W. with clear weather. Last part moderating, made all sail, steering S by E. at noon kept S.S.E. set studding sails both sides. — saw porpoises.

49° 00' S. Obs. 58° 08' E. Chron.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Brisk wind from N.N.W. running S.S.E. Middle part hauled to N. & breasting on 4 A.M. single reefed fore topsail. Last part blowing on a gale, thick & raining from N. close reefed the fore topsail & reefed the foresail, running S.S.E.

No Observation 50° 33' S. D.R. 61° 24' E. D.R.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Blowing heavy from N. with an ugly sea, running S.S.E. making dangerous weather of it. 4 P.M. took in fore topsail & foresail & luffed to on the port Tack, head to E.N.E. under staysails & topsail, blowing very heavy with a large sea, & the pumps going about half the time. Middle part lying to. At daylight now moderate, set foresail & fore topsail & kept off S by E. Last part, stiff breeze from N.N.W. & rugged, set single reefed topsail & whole foresail, running S by E. at noon kept S.S.E.

57° 07' S. Obs. 63° 56' E. Chron.



Brig Homer, near Desolation. Outward

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 1858. Bristly winds from N.W. & lugged sea. Set fore & gale sail over single reef, running S. & E. Middle part moderate breeze from N.W. to N. Last part the same with snow squally. made all sail. set studding sail. star S. & E. at noon kept S. & E. by S.

52° 14' S. Obs. 67° 08' E. Chron.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & moderate breeze from N.W. set studding sails both sides. Middle part moderate from N.W. & snow squally. 3 A.M. wind hauled to N. Last part strong breeze from N. & N.E. kept up S. & E. by E. close reefed the fore topsail. at noon kept E. & S. E.

52° 59' S. Obs. 70° 53' E. Chron.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>. Strong breezes from N. & E. & braced up heading S. & E. at 4 P.M. reefed the foresail - at 7 P.M. took in foresail & fore topsail & luffed to on the port tack. Middle part blowing a gale from N. E. & hauling by N. to N.W. lying to under staysail & staysails. Last part wind hauled to W. at 10 A.M. set reefed foresail & close reefed fore topsail & kept off running E. & S. E.

52° 58' S. Obs. 72° 35' E. Chron.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1858. Blowing on a gale from W. S. W. running off E. & S. E. saw nothing of the land. at 4 P.M. took in sail & luffed to on the port tack head to N. W. under staysail & staysails. Middle part blowing a gale but moderating. 5 A.M. wore to the S. at 10 A.M. set foresail & fore topsail. ran off S. E. with strong breezes from W. & lugged. overcast weather.

No good observation - 52° 42' S. Obs? 73° 00' E. Chron.



Brig Homer, near Heard's Island, Indian Ocean.

Tuesday, 2<sup>d</sup> November, 1858. Strong breeze from N.W.W. & rugged with overcast weather, luffed up to the Sd. at 3 P.M. saw the land, bearing S by E, set single reefed topsail & to gale's air & ran down for it. 4 P.M. shortened sail & luffed to the land dist abt 10 miles bearing S. by E. Middle part thick weather & rugged sea, standing off & on under short sail. Last part the same. 11 A.M. stood in within 3 or 4 miles of the land, tacked off again, thick weather.

52° 54' S. Obs? 73° 28' E. D.R.

Wednesday 3<sup>d</sup> Rugged weather & strong breeze from N.W. with fog by speles, standing off & on, under close reefed fore topsail, reefed fore sail & staysails. stood in within 3 miles at 6 P.M. tacked off again, thick weather & heavy sea on Middle part blowing heavy with snow squalls. 1 A.M. were in again - blowing on a gale, took in fore topsail & fore sail. 4 A.M. were off again to N. & lay to under topsail & staysails. Last part blowing very heavy from N.W. with an ugly sea, lying to - the brig labouring hard, and the pumps going half the time.

52° 28' S. Obs. 73° 23' E. D.R. 74° E. Chron

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Blowing very heavy from N.W. with a large sea, lying to on the port tack under the staysails & storm topsail, head from N to N.N.E. Middle part blowing heavy with snow squalls, labouring hard & the pumps going 30 minutes in the hour, at 4 A.M. little more moderate, wore to the S.W. under the staysails with an ugly sea on. Last part set reefed fore sail & close reefed fore topsail, on the Western tack. broke out the after hold for meat &c.

No Obs for Lat.

52° 10' S. D.R. 73° 55' E. Chron?  
73° 40' E. D.R.



# Brig Homer, near Heard's Island

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1858. Strong breeze from N.W. to N. blowing on again, with snow & rain. 3 P.M. furled the fore topsail. On the Western tack. ~ 10 P.M. wore off to N.W.E. Middle part blowing on a gale from N.W. furled the foresail. ~ 8 A.M. wore in to W.S.W. Last part blowing hard from N.W. lying under bysail & staysails on the W.S.W. tack.

51° 53' S. Obs. 73° 50' E. Chron.?

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> - Blowing a gale from N.W. lying under bysail & staysails on the starboard tack, head to W.S.W. Middle part blowing heavy - 7 A.M. saw the land ahead. Last part still blowing a gale heading in for the land under the staysails -

52° 57' S. Obs. 73° 45' E. Chron. (A.M.)

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Blowing a gale from N.W. - stood in near the land & kept off & ran down under the lee. 3 P.M. opened the anchorage. Saw several vessels lying at anchor. ran off to the S. to get a lee for bending the anchors &c. found a reef extending several miles off the land. made sail to claw off set up fore sail. fore topsail & mainsail. roused up the chains & bent them to the anchors. Middle part - light winds from N. & E. & snow - set whole foresail. heading off shore from E. to S.E. Last part. light air & calms & thick snow. heading in to N.W. broke out the main hold for water. bread &c. at noon snow cleared with a strong breeze from S. & W. heading in on the Western tack.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Blowing on strong from S. & W. & rugged sea. closed reefed the fore topsail & reefed the foresail again. heading in W. by N. 3 P.M. saw the land ahead. Middle part baffling wind from S. to W. Last part brisk wind from N. & W. stood in for the anchorage. Saw a schooner under way standing out to spot the Barte Alert, Parsons, of N. London. 4 m. out. just an? from Derivation. at noon came to anchor in 11 fathoms with the big anchor paid out. 90 fathoms chain. & furled sails. Strong breeze from N. & snow squalls. 9 vessels at anchor. Alert, N. London.

Schooners {  
E. R. Sawyer N. London  
M. Powell "  
J. E. Comstock "  
Grant " Myrtle "

Isaac Hicks. "  
Officer Hobarttown  
6 schooners -



Brig Homer. at anchor at Heard's Island.

Civil day Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 1858. Lying at anchor  
Strong breeze from N<sup>d</sup> & ruggid. sent down the fore & galemen  
& yard, & put the waist boat on the cranes. set 3 watches  
Last part strong winds & snow squalls.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Strong winds from N<sup>d</sup> with snow squalls & ruggid. broke out  
the after hold for meat &c &c - all hands on board

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Breeze winds from S<sup>d</sup> & too ruggid yet to land boats  
at the point. employed breaking out & becketing east of  
provision for rafting.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Moderate & clear weather with occasional snow squalls.  
Heft & boat's crew landed down at the Point. got all ready for  
rafting ashore &c.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Moderate weather & fine - landed with 12 men.  
on the point near the wreck of the Africa. landed provision  
& lumber & boards & commenced raising a shanty to  
live in - kept 2 boats on the beach.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Moderate weather. landed our clothing & beds.  
& finished the shanty, & made it habitable. killed  
about 30 small elephants.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Commenced killing & skinning small elephants  
along the storm point to the Southward of the wreck.  
got about 25 bbls of blubber. No boat landed. the brig  
still lying at anchor up in the night.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Strong winds from N<sup>d</sup>. killing & skinning pigs  
& anything we can find to make blubber.  
No communication with the brig.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Northward winds with fog & rain. Cold & disagreeable  
weather. killed & skinned about 10 bbls. & put up three  
casks of blubber ready for rafting.



## Hooper Hall, Heard's Island Beach

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November. 1858. Strong wind from S. & W. by cold, uncomfortable weather. Killed & skinned a pile of pup blubber at the South end of the pond - rafted up a small lot of it & left about 20 bbls on the beach. Shot 2 young bulls & killed 3 more with the lance. Last part blowing a gale with a driving snow storm. No Communication with the brig.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Blowing a gale from S. & W. with a driving snow storm. Nothing doing. P.M. more moderate. Skinned a few elephants along the stone beach & killed several young bulls - put up 2 more casks of blubber. Last part strong winds & squalls of snow. No Communication with the brig.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from S. & W. Killed a good haul of pups at Happy Valley at the South end of the pond. Killed 5 or 6 stout elephants & rafted a lot of blubber up the pond. Boat landed from the brig with a raft of 13 empty casks, and landed 2 more men, making 15 on shore all told.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Blowing a gale from N. with rain & doing nothing. P.M. rain cleared with moderate weather. Killed a few elephants & put up 2 more casks of blubber. Last part blowing a gale again from N. Schooner Eliza Jane arrived from Desolation & anchored up in the bight - No landing for boats.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Blowing a furious gale from N. - lying idle all the forenoon. P.M. more moderate. Killed & skinned a few elephants & commenced putting up blubber, but blowing from N. backed off again.

No landing for boats.



# On Heard's Island Beach

Monday 22<sup>d</sup> November, 1858. Moderate weather with foggy & windy spells from N<sup>d</sup> employed mincing & putting up blubber.

During the Norther, the brig dragged her anchor & let go the second one, but afterwards hove up & shifted her berth farther in shore.

No boat ashore.

Tuesday 23<sup>d</sup> Strong winds & snow squalls, hail &c. killed and skinned some pups about the South head of the pond. P. M. went to the S. W. beach & killed a lot of elephants. some pups & a few stout bulls.

No landing for boats.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> First part of the day fine weather, went to S. W. beach. skinned about 30 lbs. & backed a part of it up to the pond, but coming on a Norther with rain, were obliged to knock off work & make a shelter in the shanty. P. M. blowing a furious Norther with rain, lying idle.

No landing

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> First part blowing a gale anywhere from N<sup>d</sup> to S. W. P. M. more moderate, went to the S. W. beach with all our force & backed up the rest of yesterday's skinning to the pond, killed & skinned a few more stout bulls.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Strong winds from S. W. & hail squalls, went to the S. W. beach, killed & skinned about 40 stout elephants. The Eliza Jane came down abreast the point & commenced raising her oil on board.

Good landing but no boat ashore from the brig.



# On Heard's Island Beach.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 1858. Variable winds & unsettled weather, went to the S.W. beach & killed a few elephants. & skinned & backed up. Skinned a few more on the North beach.  
No boat ashore.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Moderate weather & variable winds. Skinned a few elephants & rafted up a part of the blubber from the S. end of the pond.  
No boat ashore.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Began with moderate & fine weather. & at noon came on a Norther with snow. Skinned a few elephants & commenced mincing & putting up blubber, but knocked off. Boat ashore from the brig & landed 15 empty casks. Boats remained on shore all night. — landed 2 bbls of meat

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Variable winds & all sorts of weather. Capt returned to the brig. Killed & skinned a few elephants on the North Beach. Killed a few more on the S.W. beach. minced & put up 5 casks of blubber. & rafted up about 30 bbls of loose blubber from the S. end of the pond.  
Elephants very scarce

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1858. Strong winds both from N. & from S.W. — killed very few elephants. minced & put up 4 more casks of blubber. & towed up another small raft about 15 bbls from the S. end of the pond.  
No boat ashore.

Thursday 2<sup>d</sup>. Variable winds & pretty good weather. Went to the S.W. beach & at the point skinning skinned about 20 elephant & backed up to the pond. minced & put up 2 more casks of blubber.

No boat ashore.



## On Heard's Island Beach. ~

Friday 3<sup>d</sup> December, 1858. Moderate weather & variable winds - killed a few elephants by having scouts on the beach night & day - skinned & put up 7 more casks of blubber, making 34 in all. Boat came ashore from the brig & landed 1 cask of bread & 14 empty casks.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> - Light, variable winds & fine weather - skinned up all our elephant along the beaches - about 20. P.M. sent out scouts all round to hunt elephant, and among us all - killed only 2. elephants more scarce than ever. No boat ashore -

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> - Fair part of the day light air & fine weather. P.M. strong winds from S.W. & snow. killed a few elephants on the S.W. beach & a few on the North beach. skinned a part of them. - Boat ashore from the brig & landed 9 empty casks.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Strong winds from S.W. & snow squally went to S.W. beach, killed a number of stout elephants. skinned & backed up some of them but owing to the strong winds & sand flying, make but slow progress, very smooth on the North beach but no boat ashore

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Moderate winds from N.W. & E. very few elephants, hauling skinned a few on the S.W. beach & backed up to the pona. & killed 4 or 5. hard times & very slow work getting blubber. Boat ashore from the brig & landed 9 casks & 2 lbs meat.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light air, no elephants hauling, not enough to do to keep us employed, went to S.W. beach, & skinned up & backed up, killed only 3 elephants during the night & 1 during the day. Last part blowing on a North - No boat ashore



# On Heard's Island Beach

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 1858. Blowing a Norther through the night but moderated down with variable winds & squally - very few elephants hauling. Sent all hands hunting but killed only 6 through the day. - hard times - plenty to eat & little to do - No boat ashore -

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Blowing on a gale through the night from W. & continued all day with the wind flying at a furious rate, went out hunting for elephants killed about 15 or 16, much scattered on both beaches, but in such weather could do nothing more. - blowing a screamer. No boat ashore.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Fair weather with moderate winds & variable. Went skinning on both beaches & skinned all up about 30 elephants. P.M. minced & put up 3 casks of blubber. Boat ashore from the brig & landed 16 empty casks. Killed only 8 elephants -

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Blowing strong from the S.W. all the forenoon. P.M. more moderate & fair weather. - went out hunting elephants, killed about 10 or 12 but found very few hauling & little prospect of making a paying business. No boat ashore.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Variable winds & weather, nothing hauling, killed but 5 elephants through the night & 1 during the day. - rafted up about 40 lbs of blubber from the S. end of the pond -

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# On Heard's Island Beach.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 1858. First part light wind & good weather. boat ashore from the brig & landed a raft of empty casks, and where in the world are we to get blubber to fill them with? Killed only 5 elephants during the night & 1 the day went to the beach & skinned up 26 in all & backed up to the pond. P. M. moderate windy & snow storm & continues through the evening snowing.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> First part light air & fine weather. P. M. took a breeze from N. E. with a rain storm. Killed only 1 elephant the night & 1 the day. minced & put up 10 casks of blubber. No boat ashore.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> First part light winds & fine weather. P. M. thick & foggy. - rafted up about 20 bbls from the South end of the pond. - killed only 3 elephants. Last part blowing a gale from S. W. with snow. No boat ashore.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Blowing a furious gale from S. W. with a driving snow storm - doing nothing. P. M. held up snowing but still blowing hard. sent scouts out hunting. Killed 4 elephants during the night & 10 through the day - No landing for boats -

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Blowing a gale from S. W. but moderated down & shifted to N. E. Killed very few elephants. P. M. went out skinning & skinned 15 but coming on a furious Norther with hail & rain. gave it up & made for the shanty which we reached after a hard struggle. - found everything to be turned on the S. W. beach & the carcasses crushed about like footballs. Last part blowing a furious Norther with rain. No landing for boats.



# On Heard's Island Beach

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December. 1858. First part moderate. No fair weather with variable winds. very few elephants hauling. went out skinning again & finished up - 16 in all. P.M. went out hunting & killed only 3 skins. blowing in another S.W. wind. A considerable number of elephants were killed by the different vessels during the late gale, but many of them washed off in the surf & lost again.

No landing for boats -

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Moderated during the night to fine weather and fair all the forenoon. menced & put up about 20 blubber killed only 7 elephants the night & 3 the day & half of them skins - P.M. strong winds from N.W. & pouring rain. & continued through the evening raining. nothing doing - No boat ashore -

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Cleared at midnight with a strong Norther & moderated down to fair weather at daylight - went out skinning & skinned 10 elephants. some of them skins. but blowing on a S.W. with the sand in motion. gave it up. P.M. more moderate & variable winds. went out hunting. but among us all killed only 4 the day & 3 last night. No landing for boats -

Wednesday 22<sup>d</sup> Strong winds & variable, but mostly from S.W. with snow squalls & unsettled weather. went skinning & skinned up nearly all but found it coarse work. killed only 3 elephants the night & 2 the day. P.M. all went hunting but found nothing hauling. Last part strong gusts from N.W.

No landing -



## On Heard's Island Beach.

Thursday 23<sup>d</sup> December, 1858. Blowing a Norther through the night but moderated to variable weather in the forenoon, went out skinning & skinned all up. 10 in all including skinning &c. At noon blowing in a Norther again with snow & rain & continuing all the afternoon - no elephants hauling - killed only 1 good one through the day & 5 skinning

No landing - B.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Blowing a furious Norther with driving rain & continuing through the night & all day - nothing doing. P.M. changed from rain to hail & snow. Killed only 2 elephants through the night & 3 the day - last part still blowing heavy with snow.

No landing.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Blowing strong from N<sup>d</sup> with snow all night & all the forenoon. little or nothing hauling. Killed 2 elephants the night & 4 the day. P.M. moderated to fair weather. went out skinning & skinned 8 elephants & backed them up to the pond

No landing

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Fair weather & light winds. little or nothing hauling. rafted up about 30 bbls blubber through the pond. P.M. mixed & put up 4 casks of blubber. killed nothing through the night & only 3 elephants the day. The beaches are deserted by elephants & Heard's Island is about worked out.

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# On Heard's Island Beach.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December 1858. Fair weather  
& moderate with some strong gusts from S.W.  
Killed 2 elephants during the night & 8 the day  
minced & put up 1 more cask of blubber.

No boat ashore.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> First part of the day fine weather  
& light winds. Went skinning & skinned all  
up. P.M. stuck & rainy from N. & went hunting.  
Killed 11 elephants the 24 hours.

Boat ashore from the brig & landed 1 cask Bread  
1 cask flour, 60 gals molasses, 2 bbls meat - G. & G.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Blowing a Norther with rain all  
night & part of the forenoon. The remainder of  
the day clear weather with strong breezes from  
various quarters. Skinned up all our elephants  
but killed only 5 the 24 hours.

No landing

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Clear weather with strong gusts of wind  
from various quarters. Skinned a few elephants  
& sent all hands hunting - killed 11 elephants  
the 24 hours including some skins.

No landing

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Overcast & cloudy weather with light  
winds. Hauled the raft out of the pond, minced  
& put up 6 casks of blubber. P.M. went skinning  
& skinned all up. Killed only 5 elephants the  
24 hours

No boat ashore



# On Heard's Island Beach.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1859. Begins with fine weather & slight winds from S.W. Boat came ashore from the brig & landed 15 empty casks - went out skinning & skinned nearly all up but blowing on a North with snow. Came home again - P.M. blowing strong from N. with snow & hail. Last part wind shifted & blowing strong from S.W. killed 9 elephants there 24 hours -

Sunday 2<sup>d</sup> Blowing strong from S.W. at daylight wind shifted round to N. skinned a few elephants but coming on a North with snow storm. knocked off & came home. P.M. held up snowing & wind shifted back to S.W. Last part strong breeze from S.W. - 10 elephants there 24 hours -  
No boat ashore -

Monday 3<sup>d</sup> Blowing strong from S.W. all night & all day. went skinning in the forenoon & skinned all up for both beaches. P.M. lying idle - killed 13 elephants there 24 hours.  
No boat ashore

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Wind shifted back to N. with a rain storm part of the forenoon. 9 A.M. cleared with fair weather - skinned up all the elephants on the North beach. P.M. fair weather with fresh breeze from S.E. mixed & put up 2 casks of blubber & rolled a lot of fule casks down ready for rapping. Last part blowing fresh again from S.W. 11 elephants today.  
No landing -



## On Heard's Island Beach.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 1859. Blowing a gale from N.S.W. but moderated to fair weather with fresh breezes from S.E. Last part blowing on a Norther with rain & snow. Went skinning & skinned up all the elephants. rolled a few more carts up ready for rafting & put up 1 cask of blubber. 12 elephants today. No landing.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> — moderated to fair weather for a short time in the morning. skinned up all the elephants on the North Beach. & rolled up a few more full carts. but blowing on a Norther again knocked off & came home. P.M. blowing a gale from N. with rain &c. nothing doing. Only 7 elephants. No landing.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Blowing a Norther with a rain storm late night & part of the forenoon. — rain cleared with strong winds from N.E. rolled up a few more carts & skinned a few elephants. P.M. went hunting. but found nothing hauling — 8 elephants then 24 hours. No landing.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>. Clear with moderate winds through the forenoon with some gusts from N. — went skinning & skinned up all the elephants on both beaches. P.M. rafted up about 30 bbls blubber through the pond. thick & rainy from N. the latter part of the day. got only 6 elephants today. No landing.



# On Heard's Island Beach.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1859 - Strong breezes from S.W. with some snow squalls - minced & put up 3 Casks of blubber & rolled up some more full Casks - killed 11 elephants there 24 hours - all on the S.W. beach -

No landing -

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from S.W. with snow squalls - weedy skinning on the S.W. beach & skinned up all our elephants - little or nothing hauling - killed only 3 today - Bough ashore from the brig & landed a raft of empty casks & 2 bbls meat & landed the 2<sup>d</sup> mate & 2 more men

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> First part strong breezes from S.W. with snow squalls. employed rolling full casks up for rafting - & hauled the raft of blubber out of the pond P.M. light snow & variable - minced & put up 7 Casks blubber - still employed rolling up casks with a part of the men - only 3 elephants today -

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> - First part clear weather with some strong gusts from S.W. employed rolling up full casks &c. minced & put up 2 more casks of blubber - P.M. fine weather & light variable winds skinned up all the elephants & rolled up more full casks - 10 elephants today -

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> First part blowing fresh from N.W. with squalls of rain. nothing doing - P.M. more moderate with fair weather. skinned a few elephants - killed only 4 there 24 hours. Last part blowing on again from N.W. -

No landing -



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# On Heard's Island Beach.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1859. Overcast & misty weather with light winds from N<sup>d</sup>. part of the men employed rolling up full casks. - minced & put up 4 casks of blubber. P.M. thick fog & rain with strong breezes from N<sup>d</sup> knocked off work. very little hauling. Killed only 5 today.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> - Blowing fresh from N<sup>d</sup> with spells of rain. P.M. rain cleared. Last part blowing on again from N<sup>d</sup> with rain. nothing doing & little or nothing hauling - only 2 elephants the 24 hours

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from S.W. with snow squalls. P.M. strong breezes & squally mostly from N<sup>d</sup>. all hands employed rolling up full casks to the rafting place. - very little hauling - only 3 elephants today.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Variable winds & weather with squalls of snow. bc. went skinning & skinned up 13 elephants on the S.W. beach. P.M. all hands employed rolling up full casks. nothing hauling - only 3 elephants today. - the brown cows are about done.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from N.W. to S.W. with fine rain by spells bc. rolled up a lot of full casks. rafted up about 15 bbls blubber through the pond, minced & put up 1 cask blubber &c. Killed 7 elephants today.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Strong winds from S.W. with clear weather. nothing doing & little or nothing hauling. Killed only 2 elephants.

Several schooners came down from the bight today for rafting, but owing to the strong Southwester could not do much. Schooner Mary Powell carried away fore gaff. split mainmast & jib bc.



# On Heard's Island Beach.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January. 1859. Blowing a furious North towards daylight & continues part of the forenoon. P.M. cleared with strong but variable winds. Skinned up - 6 elephants on the S.W. beach killed nothing today.

During the storm the schooner R.B. Coleman of London parted chains & drove fore of schooner Frank of Mystic & then drifted down abreast of the point & came ashore abreast of the Ramulus? wharf where she lay beached - a wreck - Schooner Frank lost her bowsprit & all her head gear.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>. Strong winds from S.W. & clear weather rolled up a few more carts to the casting place making 85 in all. minced & put up 13 carts of blubber. P.M. launched a boat & went on board the brig - Last part blowing a scream from S.W. I staid all night on board. Killed only 1 elephant today.

Saturday 22<sup>d</sup>. Begins with strong S.W. winds & squally. at 10 A.M. got ashore again with the boat - landed 11 carts of blubber. P.M. moderated to light breezes & fine weather - employed new becketing carts & getting all ready for casting off. Killed nothing today.

Sunday 23<sup>d</sup>. Begins with fine weather & light winds from W. sent a boat with 8 men on board the brig to get her under way, but the wind shifting to N.E. she did not come down. P.M. strong winds from N.E. & dusty weather. minced a small lot of blubber & skinned one elephant on the S.W. beach killed nothing today.



## On Heard's Island Beach

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January. 1859. - Begins with fine weather & light winds from N<sup>d</sup> rafted a small lot of blubber up the pond. P.M. strong winds & variable. mostly from N<sup>d</sup> with fine rain nothing doing - no weather for the brig to come down & no elephant hauling -

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light air from S<sup>d</sup> & W<sup>d</sup> at sunrise the brig got under way & came down & anchored abreast of the rafting place - rafted on board 57 casks of blubber, took the anchor & went up into the light again - nothing hauling - sent on board the scrap press recd. from Ship Catawba -

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light winds. schooner Pacific & E. R. Sawyer came down for rafting - Boat came ashore from the brig with a crew - sent 2 men on board sch<sup>r</sup> Pacific to go on board again leaving 13 in all ashore. skinned & put up 2 casks blubber & rolled them up with the rest - nothing hauling -

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Moderate & light winds with a snow storm nearly all day. - nothing doing - killed 2 pups - no landing for boats, the brig lying up in the light trying out -

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes & variable but mostly from W<sup>d</sup> - went skinning in the forenoon. skinned 2 cows & 3 pups P.M. much the same. nothing doing & nothing hauling - killed nothing then 24 hours -



## On Heard's Island Beach.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Blowing a gale from N<sup>d</sup> with rain. nothing doing. P.M. rain cleared with strong winds & squalls from various quarters -  
Last part blowing on a Norther again -  
nothing hauling & No landing for boats -

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Strong winds from N<sup>d</sup> & unsettled weather - nothing doing to keep us employed -  
killed 5 small pups today - Last part blowing on from N<sup>d</sup> with rain -  
No landing -

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Strong winds & squalls mostly from N<sup>d</sup> with rain. Snow ice. Skinned up the pups & killed 1 more pup for this day's work - nothing to kill & nothing to do - hard times & poverty at the door -  
No landing -

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 1859 - First part strong breezes from N<sup>d</sup> & overcast weather. P.M. moderate from W & S.W. & clear. nothing doing but looking after elephant - killed 1 Cow & 2 pups today -

Wednesday 2<sup>d</sup> Clear weather & strong gales from S.W. nothing doing - killed 1 Cow.

Thursday 3<sup>d</sup> Strong winds from N<sup>d</sup> & overcast weather with squalls fine rain &c. P.M. shifted to S.W. with strong breezes - nothing hauling -  
killed 2 pups.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Variable weather & moderate. Sent a boat on board the brig. at noon boat returned again -  
P.M. Skinned up 4 pups

killed nothing.



# On Heard's Island Beach.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1859. Fine weather & light  
air. 5 Schooners came down to the point  
rafting. E. R. Sawyer. Pacific, J. E. Comstock,  
Comelia & Exile - nothing doing & nothing hauling.  
Killed 2 pups.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>. Begins with fine weather & light air  
& calm. At sunrise sent a boat up to the brig.  
- 10 A.M. boat returned - landed 8 empty casks.  
P.M. blowing a Norther - nothing doing.

Killed nothing today.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>. First part strong breezes from N.W. -  
with fine rain by spells. P.M. variable winds  
& clear weather. Skinned up all the pups &c -  
Killed 1 pup.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>. Moderate breezes mostly from W. & fair  
weather - at sunrise sent a boat up to the  
brig. - 3 P.M. boat got ashore again -  
landed 2 bbls. meat - nothing hauling.

Killed nothing.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>. Blowing a furious Norther through  
the night & continues all day with a driving  
rain storm. nothing doing. Latter part moderated  
with unsettled weather.

Killed nothing.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>. Strong breezes from N.W. & clear weather  
nothing doing - too rugged to launch a boat.

Killed 1 cow & 1 pup.



## On Heard's Island Beach.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 1859. Strong & variable winds with clear weather - nothing doing - Last part blowing on a gale from N.W. - A Schooner hove in sight this afternoon off the S.W. point of the island but the Norther shutting down, hid her from sight.  
- Arr<sup>d</sup> Schooner Mark from Derolation.  
Killed 2 pups.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Blowing a Norther all night with driving rain. moderated for a short time in the forenoon & then blowing on again from N.W. & continues all day. nothing doing. saw nothing more of the schooner  
Killed 1 pup -

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Blowing a Norther with rain the forenoon. moderated to fair weather for a short time. went skinning & skinned up all the pups. Last part blowing on another Norther with rain again - too rugged yet to launch a boat.  
Killed nothing.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Strong winds from N.W. to S.W. with frequent snowsqualls & nooks. P.M. sent a boat up to the brig. boat did not return  
Sailed ship Isaac Hicks, Bk Alert & Sch<sup>?</sup> Exile for Derolation - Sch<sup>s</sup> E.R. Sawyer & Pacific for Derolation.  
Killed 1 pup -

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes & snowsqualls through the night but moderated to fine weather in the morning. at daylight the brig got under way & came down to the rafting place. sent ashore 19 empty casks & rafted on board 32 casks blubber. took the anchor & went up into the bight again.

Schooners Frank, Mary Powell, J. E. Comstock & Cometha all down to the Point rafting off.  
Arrived Schooner Oryza from Derolation -  
Killed nothing



# On Heard's Island Beach.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1859. Fair weather & variable winds mostly from S.W. Schooner Frank & Oxford down to the Point, the Oxford landing early & looking for a winter gang from Bark Arab of Grainhaven. Last part light windy & rainy, miced & put up 1 cask blubber.

Killed 2 pups —

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Snow storm through the night, but cleared with fair weather the forenoon. Skinned up all the pups. P.M. strong breezes from W. with hail squalls.

Sailed sch<sup>s</sup> Frank & Oxford.

Killed 4 pups.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light variable winds. Last part brisk winds from N.E.

Killed 1 Cow & 8 pups. —

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Blowing a furious Norther through the night & continuing all day, nothing doing. 3 Casks of oil were picked up on the Point & also the fragments of a stoven boat. Last part still blowing heavy with rain.

Killed 1 pup —

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Blowing a gale from N.E. with rain the forenoon, P.M. moderated with variable winds & rainy spells. Last part light air & Calm. One of the Casks of oil on the Point proves to be ours, lost overboard from the brig, one belongs to Bark Offley & the third was washed off the Point & lost again.

Killed 2 pups.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Strong breezes from S.W. nothing doing.

Killed 4 pups.



# On Heard's Island.

Tuesday 22<sup>d</sup> February, 1859. Strong & variable winds the first part of the day. Sent a boat up to the brig. 10 A.M. boat returned again. P.M. light variable winds & fair weather. minced & put up 1 cask blubber & rolled 2 full casks up to the rafting place.

Killed 6 pups.

During the North the night of the 18<sup>th</sup> several casks of oil washed adrift on board the brig & the gangway rail was knocked out & 3 casks lost overboard. One is landed on the point & another lost again as above mentioned & the third was probably stove in landing as we have picked up a piece of the head on the beach.

Wednesday 23<sup>d</sup>. Blowing on a North at daylight & continues all the forenoon with rain &c. P.M. strong winds both from N<sup>d</sup> & from S.W. skinned a few pups on the Point &c. Last part fine weather & light winds.

Killed 1 pup.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Brist winds from N<sup>d</sup> & thick weather. P.M. strong winds from N<sup>d</sup> rolled up the cask of oil from the end of the Point.

Killed 1 pup.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>. Fair weather & moderate winds mostly from S.W. — minced & put up 1 cask of blubber.

Killed 3 pups.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Fair weather & moderate & variable winds. P.M. light air & calm & fine weather. Sch<sup>r</sup> Cornelia came down to the Point rafting. Sailed Sch<sup>r</sup> Mary Foote for Derolation. Arrived Sch<sup>r</sup> Oxford from Derolation.

Killed 5 pups.



# On Heard's Island.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 1859. Blowing fresh from N<sup>d</sup> all the forenoon. P.M. moderate with variable winds. nothing transpiring of note.  
Killed 2 pups.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Strong winds from N<sup>d</sup> - Last part blowing hard from N<sup>d</sup> with rain &c - nothing doing  
Killed 3 pups.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1859. Blowing hard from N<sup>d</sup> with rain the night but moderated down at daylight to fine weather & light winds. nothing transpiring of note. put up 1 cork blubber. Last part strong winds from N<sup>d</sup> again.  
Killed 2 pups.

Wednesday 2<sup>d</sup> Blowing a gale from N<sup>d</sup> & continues all day with a very heavy breaker on, nothing doing - picked up a barrel on the beach half full of sea coal.  
Killed 1 pup.

Thursday 3<sup>d</sup> Blowing heavy from N<sup>d</sup> with rain but moderated at daylight to fine weather with light & variable winds through the day, with a heavy breaker on the beach & too heavy to launch a boat - put up 1 small cork blubber.

A march bale was killed today on the South beach being the first one killed below the river.  
Killed 4 pups.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Blowing hard from N<sup>d</sup> with rain part of the night & continues all the forenoon with rain &c. P.M. moderated to fine weather & variable winds - nothing transpiring of note -  
Killed 6 pups.



# St. Heard's Island

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1859. Thick & rainy from N<sup>d</sup> all the forenoon. P.M. blowing on again strong from N<sup>d</sup> with dirty weather & heavy sea on. Nothing doing of note.  
Killed 1 pup -

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Blowing a furious gale from N<sup>d</sup> through the night, but moderated with thick & rainy weather the forenoon - P.M. cleared with variable winds - Last part fine with light air & calm. nothing transpiring.  
Killed 3 pups -

During the night the wreck of Sch<sup>2</sup> R. B. Coleman rolled over boardward & now lies hauled off shore -

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Blowing a stiff breeze from N<sup>d</sup> in the night, but moderated down with thick fog & continuing thick all day. Last part changed from fog to rain.  
Killed 3 pups.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> At daylight wind shifted to S.W. with strong breezes through the forenoon. P.M. moderated to light winds & variable with a rugged sea on - nothing doing of note. put up 1 cask of blubber.  
Killed 4 pups.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from N<sup>d</sup> through the night but moderate in the morning with fine weather & state a heavy sea on. at noon blowing on a gale from N<sup>d</sup> & continues the remainder of the day, with no prospect of communication with the brig.  
Killed nothing -

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Wind shifted to S.W. with moderate weather. launched a boat & went up to the brig. at noon came ashore again. P.M. light air & fine. sent boat & crew up to the brig. put up a small cask of blubber & packed up some of our traps. making preparations for leaving the island.  
Killed 2 pups.



# At Heard's Island.

Schooner *Graust* of *Myrtic* was lost on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> mit on the North end of Red Island. the mate lost, & all the rest saved. Sch<sup>n</sup> *Cornelia* got under way & went up to Comestian Bay to take off the crew.

Sch<sup>n</sup> *Oxford* came down to raft ashore stuff for Bark *Atat*.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Light air & Calm through the night but at daylight the wind struck down from N<sup>d</sup> & dashed our hopes of getting off - blowing from N<sup>d</sup> all the forenoon with rain. P.M. rain cleared but still blowing a gale from N<sup>d</sup>.

Killed 1 pup -

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Still blowing a moderate gale from N<sup>d</sup> & continues all day. no chance for the brig. nothing transpiring of note.

Killed 1 pup -

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Moderated down to light air during the night & shifted to S.W. at daylight. - got the brig under way & came down to the Point. sent ashore 9 empty Casks - rafted off 7 Casks blubber, 1 cask oil, 3 casks water. took on board all hands & their traps - took the anchor & made sail to N<sup>d</sup> for Derolation. bidding a final adieu to Heard's Island. strong breezes from S.W.

Sea asc. Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Fresh gales from S.W. very rugged, running N.W. & N. by W. under foresail & close reefed. foretopsail. Middle part strong from W. hauling to N.W. 10 P.M. took in f. topsail 11 P.M. luffed to on the port tack to head to N.E. & W. - the brig making considerable water & pumps going most of the time. 1 A.M. set the foresail. kept N. by W. daylight set foretopsail. Last part strong winds & rugged from N<sup>d</sup> to N.E. 10 A.M. wore ship to N.W. took in foresail & foretopsail. thick & rainy &c - 52° 00' S.D.R.

No Observations.



Brig Homer, from Heard's Island to Desolation

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1859. Strong winds from N<sup>d</sup> & hauling back to N.W. rain cleared. 3 P.M. wore back to N.N.E. set reefed foresail - Middle part clear weather & moderate from N<sup>d</sup> & W<sup>d</sup> with a rugged sea on. Last part strong winds from N.W. & W.N.W. & thick rainy spells. 8 A.M. took in the foresail at noon clear with strong gales - heading from N.E. to N.W. on the port tack. ....

51° 06' S. Obs. 73° 46' E. Chron.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Strong winds from N<sup>d</sup> & W<sup>d</sup> & rugged under staysails & topsail on the port tack. Middle part light winds thick & rainy with a tumbling sea. head from N by E to N.E. 3 A.M. wore ship to the W<sup>d</sup>. Latter part thick & rainy with calms & tumbling swell. set foresail & foretopsail & jib. 11 A.M. took a wind from S.W. steer N.W. by W. -

50° 38' S. Obs. 73° 46' E. Chron.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Brist winds from W to S.W. set single reefed mainsail & foretopsail on the N.W. tack. - 6 P.M. took in jib & clove reefed the mainsail. Middle part clear weather & brisk winds with rugged sea. head from N by W to N.W. by W. Last part wind hauled to N<sup>d</sup>. 10 A.M. wore ship to W<sup>d</sup> set single reefed foretopsail & mainsail & jib.

49° 57' S. Obs. 72° 40' E. Chron.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Thick & rainy spells from N.W. on the W. S.W. tack took in the main boat. 5 P.M. took in jib. clove reefed mainsail & foretopsail. heading off S.W. Middle part clear weather & strong breezy. 8 P.M. wore ship to N<sup>d</sup>. Last part strong breezy from W to N.W. & squally - on the Northern tack.

49° 44' S. Obs. 72° 14' E. Chron



From Heard's Island, bound to Desolation.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 1859. Brist winds from W to N.W.  
 & dying away to light airs. set single reef to main &  
 mainsail - Middle part calms & light airs from E. & S.E.  
 shook out all the reefs. Last part light breezes from N.  
 steering to W. N. W. Saw the land ahead -  
 49° 34' S. Obs. 71° 54' E. Chron.

Sailed Sch. Mary Parvle  
 on a whaling cruise

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from N. & E. at 2 P.M.  
 made out the land about Prince of Wales' Headland.  
 & the mouth of Royal Sound, stood in for it. Middle  
 part brisk winds, beating up the Sound, at 11 A.M.  
 came to anchor in Three Island Harb' in 6 fathoms  
 with the big anchor, and 45 fathoms chain, pulled sails.  
 Arr. Sch. Cornelia from Heard's Island.  
 Covida Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Lying at anchor, put the waist boat on  
 the cranes &c.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Strong breezes from W. with occasional  
 snow squalls. put the other boat out in the Starboard waist.  
 broke out the blubber & cleared away for boiling &c.  
 exchanged a boat with ship Isaac Hicks.

Tuesday 22<sup>d</sup> Strong breezes from N. employed in  
 boiling elephant blubber - O.P.M. finished  
 boiling, filled 4 casks of oil -  
 Lying at anchor.

Ship Isaac Hicks, Bolles, N. London.  
 Bark Alert, Parsons, N. London.  
 Ship Romulus, Turner, Mystic.  
 Bark Arab, Washburn, Fairhaven.  
 Bark Offley, Robinson, Hobarttown.  
 Sch. Orford, Fairhaven, tender to Arab  
 " Cornelia Biddington, Mystic, tender to Romulus -  
 " Jane & Comstock, Warren, left - tender to Wm. Wilson -



Brig Homer, in 3 Island Harbor, Royal Sound, Desolation

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 1859. Strong breezes from N.W.  
stowed down the oil & stowed away a few casks of  
water, &c.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Fair weather & moderate breezes -  
I broke out & restowed &c. started some casks of Sails  
& sent 13 empty casks on shore for water -  
Sailed Schooner Oxford, J.H. on a whaling cruise -

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Breeze windy & frequent snow squalls through  
the day. - some hands ashore filling water -  
mending a boat &c

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Strong breeze from N.W. & rainy weather  
Most of the Amie. employed mending spare boat &c.  
some men ashore filling water &c -

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Dirty weather & squalls of rain & snow all day.  
nothing doing -

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breezes. - finished  
mending the boat & put her out over the stern.  
sent ashore 4 more casks & filled them with  
water, broke out for bread &c &c

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Blowing a gale all day with rain & hail  
squalls, nothing doing -

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Blowing strong the first part of the day.  
P.M. moderated to fine weather with some rain  
squalls. not much doing. broke out the after hold for meat &c

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Fine pleasant weather & light air  
painted the brig round outside. & stripped & caulked  
the bow ports



Brig Homer, in Three Island Harbor, Royal Sound, Desolation.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1859. Fine weather & light wind.  
employed in various jobs. painting &c. took on board  
10 casks water & painted the stern boat.

Sailed Sch<sup>r</sup> Cornelia for Herald's Island.

Saturday 2<sup>d</sup>. Fair weather & light wind. took on  
board 7 more casks water. stowed most of the water  
below, & various other small jobs.

Arrived Sch<sup>r</sup> E. R. Sawyer (tender to Alert) from whaling cruise.  
- 1 right whale.

Sunday 3<sup>d</sup>. Fair weather & moderate breeze.  
- nothing doing -

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Strong winds from N<sup>d</sup>. variously employed, mended  
the main trysail, sent down the main cap, fitted it  
& sent it overhead again &c. fitted craft for the boat &c.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Windy part strong winds & rain. P.M.  
moderate & clear. Variously employed.  
filling water. fitting craft. making hatch tarpauling &c.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & moderate breezes.  
employed in various jobs. took on board 5 casks  
of water &c. -

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Fair weather & moderate. got on board the last of the  
water. & got all ready for sea.

Sailed Sch<sup>r</sup> E. R. Sawyer. Whipple, on a whaling cruise.  
Arr<sup>d</sup> Sch<sup>r</sup> Mary Powell. Nash, N. London for cruise, no oil.  
Arr<sup>d</sup> ship Peruvian. Lyons, of N. London for Port Harbor.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from N<sup>d</sup> & E<sup>d</sup> with some rain squalls.  
employed in various small jobs. getting ready for sea.

Arrived Sch<sup>r</sup> Pacific, N. London (tender to Isaac Hicks) from whaling cruise.  
Sailed Sch<sup>r</sup> Mary Powell. N. L. to cruise. (1 whale)



Big Homer. Three Island Harbor. Royal Sound. Desolation

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Fair weather & strong breezes from N<sup>d</sup> & W<sup>d</sup>.  
at 7 A.M. hove up the anchor. & made sail &  
went to sea. took in the big anchor & stowed away  
chain &c. - Steering to the N<sup>d</sup> & E<sup>d</sup> along the  
coast. Saw 2 Schooners & several Juncoes -

49° 20' S. Obs. 70° 45' E. Chron

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Sea &c. Strong winds & rugged from W.N.W. & W.  
Turning to the N<sup>d</sup> & E<sup>d</sup> along the part Cape Digby &c.  
took in the other chain & stowed anchor on deck &c.  
Middle part heading N. under double reefed foretop sail  
& mainsail. reefed foresail - Last part heading from  
N.N.E. to N.E. 6 A.M. set single reefed topsail. 9 A.M.  
close reefed again

No Obs for Long.

47° 44' S. Obs? 71° 20' E. D. R.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Rugged weather & strong breezes from N<sup>d</sup> & W<sup>d</sup>  
under close reef on the N. E. tack. Middle part  
strong winds & hauling back to W<sup>d</sup> - 9 P.M. took in  
foretop sail & mainsail & bent the topsail. at midnight  
took in the foresail. Last part much the same. heading  
up N. strong gales with hail squalls & rugged sea on.  
at 11 A.M. set reefed foresail -

The brig leaking nearly as bad as ever - both pumps  
going 15 minutes in the hour.

46° 50' S. Obs. 71° 36' E. Chron

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Rugged weather & strong winds from W<sup>d</sup> with  
hail squalls &c. heading N. to N.N.W. under reefed foresail  
& storm staysails. - 7 P.M. furled the foresail. Middle part  
strong winds & very rugged. head N.W. & N.W. by W. Last part  
more moderate. 6 A.M. set the foresail - 11 A.M. set close reefed  
foretop sail. heading N.W. by N.

45° 58' S. Obs. 70° 50' E. Chron.



Brig Homer, in the Indian Ocean, bound to the N<sup>d</sup>—

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1859. Rugged weather & strong breeze from W<sup>d</sup> but moderating. Set single reefed fore toprail & mainsail, & jib heading N.W. by N. & N.W. Middle part fine weather & moderate breezes, hauling back to N.W. shook out all the reefs—head N by E & N.N.E. Last part fine weather & light breeze from N<sup>d</sup> employed in various jobs—broke out for beef &c. \*

44° 43' S. Obs. 70° 49' E. Chron

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Light air & hauling to N.E. heading on a wind to E<sup>d</sup> at 4 P.M. Hauled to N.W. Middle part blowing on from N<sup>d</sup> & E<sup>d</sup> took in sail 11 P.M. under close reefed fore toprail & reefed foresail. staysails & try sail. 1 A.M. furled fore toprail. 3 A.M. furled foresail. Last part blowing a gale; lying to under storm sails on the starboard tack head to N.W.

No Observations. 44° 25' S. D.R. 70° 36' E. Chron?

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Strong winds from N<sup>d</sup> & E<sup>d</sup> lying to on the N.W. tack. 3 P.M. wind shifted to the W<sup>d</sup> now ship heading N.W. by N. thick & rainy. Middle part moderating. 6 P.M. set the foresail. 12 M. set fore toprail. Heading up N.W. at daylight shook out the reefs & made all sail. heading off to N & N. by E. Last part fair weather & moderate breeze, broke out for bread &c.

44° 54' S. Obs. 69° 58' E. Chron.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Brisk winds from W.N.W. on a wind N. buering up. 4 P.M. close reefed fore toprail & mainsail. 6 P.M. took in jib & reefed foresail. Middle part fair weather & moderate breezes from W<sup>d</sup> steer N. Last part light breezes & squally. head from N to N.N.E. at daylight shook out reefs & made all sail.

42° 26' S. Obs. 70° 15' E. Chron.

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Brig Homer, in the Indian Ocean, bound N.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 1859. Fine weather & light breezes from N. & N.W. on a wind from N. to N.E. Middle part light breezes & squally. 7 P.M. single reefed fore topsail & mainsail. heading from N. to N.E. by N. Last part much the same.

41° 07' S. Obs. 70° 18' E. Chron.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light winds from N.W. to W. Middle part much the same. Last part brisk winds. single reefed the mainsail & fore topsail & took them out again. employed in various small jobs. head on a wind from N. to N.E.

39° 48' S. Obs. 70° 26' E. Chron.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Fair weather & brisk winds from N.W. to W. in 4 P.M. down reefed topsail & mainsail & furled the jib. Middle part strong breezes from S.W. running N.W. let single reef. Last part more moderate from S.S.W. & S. took out all the reef. let jib be. Steering N.W. by W.

38° 46' S. Obs. 68° 45' E. Chron.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & moderate breeze from S. dying away to light breeze. steering W.N.W. Middle part light winds. hauling round by S.E. to E. & N.E. steering W.N.W. bent & set a fore topmast studding sail. Last part moderate breeze from N.E. & N.N.E. 11 A.M. took in studding sail. steering N.W. & N.W. by W.

Overcast weather & No Observation. 38° 30' S. D.R. 67° 10' E. D.R.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Cloudy weather & brisk winds from N. & E. Single reefed mainsail & fore topsail, running N.W. Middle part strong breezes from N.E. 12 P.M. furled jib. down reefed mainsail & fore topsail & reefed foresail. 4 A.M. furled fore topsail & mainsail & bent the trysail. Last part strong gales from N.E. 8 A.M. set fore topsail. 10 A.M. furled it again. heading N.W.

38° 14' S. Obs. 64° 02' E. Chron.



# Brig Homer, in the Indian Ocean.

Friday 22<sup>d</sup> April. 1859. Rugged weather & fresh gales from N.E. heading N.W. Under reefed foresail & storm staysail. Middle part the same. 9 P.M. furlled the foresail. head from N.W. to N.N.W. Last part moderating & hauling round by N. & W. to S.W. with cloudy weather & rain squalls. 7 A.M. wore ship to N<sup>d</sup> set reefed foresail & foretopsail. at noon heading up N.W. by W. with the wind at S.W.

38° 05' S. Obs? 62° 25' E. Chron?

Saturday 23<sup>d</sup>. Rugged weather & brisk winds from S.W. heading N.W. by W. & N.W. set single reefed foretopsail. 10 P.M. close reefed it again. Middle part stiff breeze from S.W. steering N.W. by W. 5 A.M. set single reefed topsail. Last part fair weather & brisk winds hauling to S<sup>d</sup> set whole foretopsail & foresail.

37° 22' S. Obs. 60° 21' E. Chron.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Brisk wind from S & S.E. set the jib. & steer W. N.W. ~ 5 P.M. single reefed the foretopsail. Middle part moderate breeze hauling back to W<sup>d</sup> braced up. heading on a wind N.W. Last part fair weather & light breeze heading on a wind from N.W. to N.N.W. made all sail.

36° 52' S. Obs. 58° 08' E. Chron.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Begins with fine weather & light westerly winds heading on a wind from N.N.W. to N.W. Middle part Calm & light air from W<sup>d</sup> ~ Last part the same heading variously from N.W. to N.E. set lookout at the masthead. ~ subvent the main to foremast staysail & bent a fore staysail on the stay. ~

36° 05' S. Obs. ~ 57° 09' E. Chron.



# Brig Homer, in the Indian Ocean.

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1859. Light air & baffling with rain - Middle part light air & calm. Last part took a light breeze from E. hauling to E.N.E. with rain & gales &c. set foretopmast studding sail. steering N.W. by W. broke out for bread &c. & saw porpoises -  
 35° 40' S. Obs. 57° 10' E. Chron  
 57° 45' E. Lunar.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>. Moderate breezes from E.N.E. & hauling to N.E. steering N.W. by W. took in the studding sail - 8 P.M. single reefed foretopmast - Middle part brisk winds from N.E. 10 P.M. furled the jib - 12 M. close reefed foretopmast & mainsail & reefed the foresail! - Last part light winds & doldrums, thick & raining & No observation.

35° 25' S. D.R. 55° 00' E. D.R.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>. Light air & Calm with fumbling swell, rain &c. 3 P.M. took a moderate breeze from S.W. steer W.N.W. set jib & single reef - Middle part moderate breeze from S.W. to W. on a wind from W.N.W. to N.N.W. at daylight stiff breeze from S.W. close reefed foretopmast & mainsail & reefed the foresail. Last part moderate from S.W. with fine weather - heavy swell. 11 A.M. took out all the reefs. set jib &c &c - on a wind W.N.W. & N.W. by W.

34° 45' S. Obs. 53° 38' E. Chron.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> - Moderate breezes from S.W. & fair weather with a large swell, on a wind N.W. by W. & N.W. Middle part died away to light air & calm. - 4 A.M. light breeze from N.W. heave N.E. to E.N.E. 6 A.M. tacked to W. Last part brisk winds from N.W. heading W. & W. by N. single reefed the foretopmast -

34° 30' S. Obs. 52° 37' E. Chron.



# Big Homer, in the Indian Ocean.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1859. Clear weather & brisk wind, from N. to N.W. at 4 P.M. heading off W.S.W. tack'd ship to N.N.E. - Middle part moderate breeze. Latter part brisk winds from N. & W. heading on a wind from N. to N.E. by N. under single reef.

33° 22' S. Obs. 52° 26' E. Chron

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1859. Brisk winds from N. & W. on a wind N. to N.N.E. set whole fore topsail. - 5 P.M. single reef'd it again. Middle part light winds hauled round to S.W. heading up W. by S. 11 P.M. shook the reef out. - 6 A.M. set fore mainstudding sail. Latter part light airs hauled back to W. heading N.N.W.

32° 33' S. Obs. 52° 03' E. Chron.

Monday 2<sup>d</sup> Light winds from W. & raw squalls - took in the studding sail, head on a wind from N.N.W. to S.W. Middle part breacing on with a rugged sea. 12 M. single reef'd & furl'd the jib. 2 P.M. close reef'd & reef'd the foresail - 4 A.M. furl'd topsail & mainsail & bent the try sail - 6 A.M. furl'd the foresail. Latter part lying under try sail & staysail, head to W.N.W. with fresh gales from S.W.

31° 33' S. Obs. 50° 58' E. Chron.

Tuesday 3<sup>d</sup>. Rugged weather & strong winds. lying under the try sail & staysail, head W. to W.N.W. - Middle part moderating down. 10 P.M. set the foresail head W. by N. 4 A.M. set fore topsail - Latter part brisk winds from S.W. & rugged swell. set single reef, jib &c. head W.N.W.

31° 27' S. Obs. 49° 38' E. Chron.



# Brig Homer. in the Indian Ocean.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1859. Breeze wind from S.W. set whole foretop sail - head W.N.W. 5 P.M. single reefed it again - close reefed the mainsail - Middle part brisk winds hauling to the S. & took in jib & close reefed the foretop sail - Last part brisk winds from S. to S.E. & rain squalls oc. shook out the reef & set foretopmast studding sail. Steering W. by N.

31° 12' S. Obs. 47° 14' E. Chron.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>. Fine weather & moderate breeze from S.E. D.E. S.E. running W. Middle part the same from E. S.E. to E. close the mainsail & set studding sail both sides. Last part the same, steering W. Cloudy weather at noon & No obs for Lat.

31° 40' S. D.R. 44° 56' E. Chron?

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Cloudy weather & moderate breeze from E. & steering W. Middle part fine weather & moderate breeze from E. steer W. to W.N.W. Last part the same steer W.N.W. 11 A.M. wind shifted to N. & backed up heading W.N.W. put a new leach rope on the mainsail.

32° 07' S. Obs. 42° 37' E. Chron.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>. Fine weather & light breeze from N. to N.E. steer W.N.W. Middle part the same. Last part light breeze & rain squalls, wind hauled to N. & W. & 9 A.M. tacked to N.E. - rode the old burton falc for foretop sail braces. - &c

32° 16' S. Obs. 40° 39' E. Chron.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Begin with fine weather & light breezes from N.W. & baffling. 3 P.M. tacked to W. 10 P.M. heading off S.W. tacked back to N. & caught several albacore the first this voyage. Middle part brisk winds from W. S.W. to S.W. & squalls, head N.W. to W.N.W. 4 A.M. single reefed foretop sail. Last part brisk winds from W. & rugged. 9 A.M. shook out the reef again heading N.W. to N.W.

31° 36' S. Obs. { 38° 41' E. Lunar, 39° 15' E. Chron.



In the Indian Ocean, bound Westward.

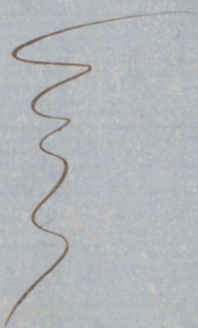
Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 1859. Brist winds from W<sup>d</sup> & rugged-  
 13 P.M. single reefed the fore topsail again. head N. W. by N.  
 Middle part light breezes from W<sup>d</sup> & hauling to N.  
 1 A.M. heading off N. E. tacked to W<sup>d</sup> 3 A.M.  
 set whole fore topsail - 6 A.M. set whole mainsail -  
 Last part brisk winds from N. d. close reefed the  
 fore topsail & mainsail & furled the jib head W. &  
 W. by N.  
 31° 10' S. Obs. 38° 26' E. Chron  
 37° 26' E. Lunar.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Brist wind from W<sup>d</sup> with a rugged sea,  
 heading W. by N. under close reefs. 7 P.M. reefed  
 the foresails took in the mainsail & bent the trysail  
 furled the fore topsail, wind shifted to W. S. W. with  
 sharp lightning. tacked to N. W. set fore topsail &  
 mainsail. Middle part fair weather & moderate  
 breeze from W. S. W. head N. W. Last part light  
 breeze hauling to S. d. steer W. by N. 11 A.M. set  
 fore top mast studding sails - employed fitting fore top  
 gallant rigging & back stays &c.

31° 14' S. Obs. 37° 50' E. Chron. 36° 43' E. Lunar

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Light & baffling airs - 6 P.M. light airs  
 from E. d. set both studding sails - head W. by N.  
 Middle part took a breeze from N. W. & hauling  
 to W<sup>d</sup> breering on with an ugly sea. 4 A.M.  
 close reefed topsails & mainsail. furled jib - 6 A.M.  
 reefed foresails. furled fore topsail & mainsail & bent the  
 trysail & wore to N. N. W. Last part moderating with  
 an ugly swell. wind hauling to S. W. head W. N. W.  
 - repaired the footropes of the fore topsail - 11 A.M. set it.

31° 28' S. Obs. 37° 42' E. Chron.





Brig Horner, in the Indian Ocean, bound Westward

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 1859. Brisk winds from S. & W. on a wind to W. under reefed fore & main & staysails - rove fore & main braces of new towline - Middle part moderate from W. with tumbling sea. 10 P.M. set the jib - at daylight shook out the reef - Last part light breeze from N.W. to W. on a wind to N.W.

30° 55' S. Obs. 36° 46' E. Chron.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Brisk winds from W. to W.S.W. growing rugged & squally. 3 P.M. clove reefed fore & main & main & jib. 6 P.M. reefed the foresail - heading N.W. - 2 sails in sight - one a large ship under reefed topsails on the Southern tack - Middle part brisk winds, rugged & squally - head from N.W. to W.S.W. Last part moderate breeze & fine weather shook out all the reefs & made sail - on a wind to W.S.W. A ship & a bark in sight on the same tack with us.

30° 15' S. Obs. 35° 30' E. Chron

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Begins with fine weather & moderate breeze from S.W. on a wind. W.S.W. - 3 sails in sight - Middle part light air - Last part light air & Calm - Sent up the fore topgallant mast & crossed fore topgallant yard - 2 sails in sight -

30° 10' S. Obs. 34° 53' E. Chron.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Light air & Calm - bent fore topgallant jib - lowered a boat & boarded French bark "Gange" 67 days from Bombay for Marseilles - Middle part light winds from S. & E. & hauling to E.N.E. set studding sails both sides - steering S.W. by W. Last part light breeze from E.N.E. then W.S.W. 3 sails in sight. Bent up the fore royal yard & set the royal -

30° 28' S. Obs. 34° 00' E. Chron

(New Correction, the Chron. being 30 miles too far East,



Brig Homer, near the Cape of Good Hope.

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 1859. Fine weather & light breeze  
from E<sup>d</sup> - running W. S. W. - 3 sails in company -  
Middle part brisk winds - took in fore royal.  
Last part the same, nothing in sight - - running  
W. S. W. - 10 A.M. kept W. by S. -

32° 29' S. Obs. 32° 04' E. Chron.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Brisk winds from E. N. E. running W. by S.  
Carrying fore top gale sail & both studding sails -  
Middle part blowing on strong with a very heavy  
sea running - 9 P.M. took in sail to close reefed  
fore top sail & reefed foresail - running W. by S. - Thunder  
squally rain &c. - 5 A.M. wind shifted to N. W. braced  
ship heading W. S. W. Last part brisk wind from  
N. W. shook out the reef &c. - head S. W. by W. S. W.  
one sail in sight -

34° 04' S. Obs. 30° 23' E. Chron.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Moderate breeze from N. W. & fair weather  
Saw a wind S. W. by W & S. W. S. W. - Middle part  
light air from N. W. & squally - 1 A.M. heavy squall  
with thunder, rain &c. Close reefed fore top sail & main sail  
furled jib &c. 4 A.M. set jib & single reefed top sail - 5 A.M.  
took them in again - Last part clear weather & brisk  
winds from N. W. shook out the reef & made sail -  
saw a wind to W. S. W. -

34° 54' S. Obs. 29° 26' E. Chron.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> - Fair weather & moderate breeze from N. W. - Middle  
part frequent squalls of wind & rain - close reefed the  
main sail & furled jib. 6 A.M. close reefed fore top sail -  
on a wind W. S. W. 8 A.M. heading off S. W. backed to N. W.  
Last part blowing on from W. with a rugged sea  
reefed the foresail - head N. by N. by W.

35° 55' S. Obs. 28° 34' E. Chron.



Brig Homer, off the Cape of Good Hope.

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1859. Rugged weather & strong winds from W<sup>d</sup>. pulled foretoprail & mainsail & bent the bysail - head N. to N.N.W. - Middle part the same, lying under staysails & reefed foresail - Last part moderating with a large sea. 9 A.M. set foretoprail. At noon set single reefed topsail & mainsail, whole foresail & jib - head from N.N.W. to N.W. one sail in sight.

34° 56' S. Obs. - 28° 24' E. Chron.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Breeze winds from W. S.W. to S.W. heading for a wind from N.W. to W.N.W. under single reef - Middle part dying away to light winds. Made sail - 4 A.M. light air from S.E. set royal & port studdingsail. Steer W. Last part fine weather & light breeze from E<sup>d</sup> - set both studdingsails steer W. - 10 A.M. kept W. by N. at noon kept W.N.W. 4 sails in sight.

34° 58' S. Obs. 27° 30' E. Chron.

Sunday 22<sup>d</sup>. Fine weather & light breeze from E<sup>d</sup> steer W.N.W. 3 sails in sight. - Middle part the same. Last part - 5 A.M. wind hauled by N<sup>d</sup> braced up & took in studdingsail. Last part Calm & light baffling winds from W<sup>d</sup> - at noon wore to N<sup>d</sup> - 3 sails in sight.

35° 23' S. Obs. 24° 58' E. Chron.

Monday 23<sup>d</sup> Light breezes from W. to S.W. on the N.W. tack. 5 P.M. heavy squall. Close reefed topsail & mainsail & furl'd jib. - 6 P.M. set jib & single reef - 10 P.M. close reefed again heading off N. tacked to S.W. Middle part changeable weather & rugged sea. 2 A.M. heading off again, tacked back heading W. by N. reefed the foresail. 6 A.M. set single reef & jib again. Latter part baffling winds with heavy swell, rain & squalls &c. nothing in sight.

35° 33' S. Obs. 22° 22' E. Chron.



# Brig Homer, off the Cape of Good Hope. —

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 1859. Moderate breeze from W<sup>d</sup> with  
rugged swell. head N. to N. N. W. under single reef —  
3 P.M. close reefed the foretop sail. Middle part  
strong breezes from W. N. W. & rugged. 9 P.M. furled the  
jib & reefed the foresail. Tacked to S. W. 2 A.M. tacked  
back to N<sup>d</sup> — Last part much the same. on the  
Northern tack. one sail in sight. —

35° 09' S. Obs. 21° 57' E. Chron.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Brisk winds from W<sup>d</sup> & rugged on the  
Northern tack under close reef — 5 P.M. tacked to  
S. S. W. the land about Point Lenoir in sight to N<sup>d</sup> &  
E<sup>d</sup> — 7 P.M. set single reefed top sail. Middle part  
strong breezes & rugged. hauling to N<sup>d</sup> — 4 A.M. close  
reefed top sail again. heading W. Last part blowing  
on a gale from N. N. W. 8 A.M. furled top sail & main sail  
& bent try sail. 11 A.M. furled the foresail. saw spout  
to windward. supposed a humpback. —

36° 03' S. Obs. 21° 41' E. Chron.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Blowing a gale from N. N. W. lying on the  
starboard tack under staysails & try sail — head  
W. to W. S. W. Middle part the same but moderating  
— 2 A.M. set reefed foresail — 6 A.M. wore ship to N<sup>d</sup> &  
set single reef. whole foresail & jib. Last part rugged  
weather & brisk winds from N. W. & W. N. W. on the Northern  
tack. — one large ship in company — broke out for bread &c. —

36° 15' S. Obs.

21° 10' E. Chron

22° 12' E. Lunar.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Rugged weather & brisk winds from N<sup>d</sup> & W<sup>d</sup> on a  
wind N. to N. E. 2 sails in sight. — Middle part  
the same. 8 P.M. close reefed again. — Middle part  
strong breezes & rugged. 2 A.M. tacked ship heading W. set single  
reef again. 7 A.M. close reefed again heading W. to W. N. W.  
Last part blowing on again from N. N. W. — 11 A.M. furled top sail  
& main sail. bent try sail. — at noon furled the foresail. head from  
W to W. S. W. saw the land to the N<sup>d</sup> dist 40 miles

No Obs for Lat. —

35° 40' S. D.R. 20° 48' E. Chron. 22° 26'



Brig Homer, off the Cape of Good Hope.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1859. Blowing a gale from N<sup>W</sup> & W<sup>W</sup> thick rain &c. - 4 P.M. set reefed foresail - head W. to W. S. W. one sail in sight. - 8 P.M. furlled the foresail again. Middle part blowing very heavy with squalls - head W. S. W. to S. W. Last part blowing very heavy with a tremendous sea, & the brig laboring hard, head S. W. to S. S. W. - lying under the ~~trysail~~ & staysails -

No good obs for Long. 37° 02' S. Obs. 20° 20' E. D.R.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> - Blowing heavy from W<sup>W</sup> - with a very heavy sea. lying on the starboard tack under the staysails & trysail - head S. S. W. to S. - 5 P.M. wore ship to N. W. - Middle part squally but moderating down & hauling to N<sup>W</sup> - 2 A.M. set foresail - daylight set single reefed topsail, mainsail, whole foresail jib &c. head W. N. E. to N. E. took the waist boat in and put her over the trypowrty, having broken both bearers off in the gale. Last part strong breeze from N<sup>W</sup> - 2 sails in sight. 11 A.M. heading off E. N. E. tacked to W. N. W. close reefed the fore topsail &c.

36° 38' S. Obs. 20° 59' E. Chron

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Rugged weather & strong breezes from N<sup>W</sup> on the W. N. W. tack. took in the jib & reefed the foresail - 8 P.M. furlled the fore topsail & mainsail & bent the trysail. Middle part blowing on a gale from N<sup>W</sup> hauling to N. W. 12 P.M. furlled the foresail - Last part blowing very heavy from N. W. with a very heavy sea - lost 2 empty casks off deck. & the waist from the scuttle butt. heading to W. S. W. -

No Observation. - 37° 40' S D.R. 20° 20' E. D.R.



# Brig Homer, off the Cape of Good Hope.

Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1859. Blowing very heavy from N<sup>W</sup> & W<sup>N</sup> & hauling to W<sup>N</sup> & lying to on the starboard tack, under the staysails & tryrail - 2 P.M. blew away the fore staysail & fore topmast staysail. - lowered the tryrail & lay under the main staysail only - Middle part blowing on still harder - shipped a sea, & stove in the side of the starboard bow. Cathead &c - 5 A.M. shipped another, split the main staysail all to pieces - lost the boat on the trywork - lost the carbonado quarter boat & various smaller matters - 8 A.M. were round to N<sup>W</sup> & set the tryrail - Last part still blowing very heavy, the pumps going about all the time. - Head N. by E to N.E.

No Obs for Long. 38° 10' S. Obs.?

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1859. Still blowing a gale from N<sup>W</sup> & W<sup>N</sup> & lying to on the N.E. tack. - 1 P.M. set reefed foresail - The pumps going continually - 8 P.M. parted the fore tack, took the foresail in again & lay under the tryrail. Middle part still blowing very heavy - Last part the same, lying under the tryrail - heading from N.E. to E. but making a dead drift - very heavy sea running.

No Obs for Long. 38° 07' S. Obs.?

Thursday, 2<sup>d</sup> - Still blowing a heavy gale from N<sup>W</sup> with a large sea running, lying to under the tryrail - both pumps going about 40 minutes in the hour - Middle part, 8 P.M. wind hauled suddenly to W<sup>N</sup> with rain & heavy squalls heading N.N.W. Last part strong from W<sup>N</sup> & heavy squalls with rain &c. got up a main staysail for bedding.

No good Observations 38° 07' S. Obs.?



Brig Homer, off the Cape of Good Hope.

Friday, 3<sup>d</sup> June, 1859. - Strong winds from W<sup>d</sup> & very heavy squally with rain, hail &c. on the N.W. tack, went the old mainstayraile & set it, another old fore stayraile & fore topmast stayraile, 6 P.M. split the old main stayraile, got it in again & lay under the fore stayraile & tryraile. Middle part blowing on heavy from N.W. Last part blowing still heavier with a tremendous sea - with the pumps going all the time - head from N. to N.E. but going - God knows where -

No Observations -

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Blowing a heavy gale from N.W. with a frightful sea on - 2 P.M. split the fore stayraile & took it in lying under the tryraile only - 8 P.M. blew the tryraile out of the boltrope, took it in & lay under bare poles - Last part blowing tremendously - lying under bare poles at the mercy of the sea. Both pumps going for dear life - lost various small matters off deck. Ripped up part of the main rail - lost some of the bulwarks &c &c head anywhere from N.W. to N.E. & going wherever the wind & sea may drive us. -

No Observations -

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Still blowing a tremendous gale from W<sup>d</sup> with a dangerous sea. Both pumps going & not able to free her. - 1 P.M. got the reefed foresail on her & got her before the wind & sea, running to E<sup>d</sup>. - 3 P.M. rolled in a heavy sea, lost the starboard quarter boat & the stern boat, leaving us without a boat to the vessel. - tore away nearly all the quarter rail & bulwarks, part of the topsail rail, & swept off various other articles - injured myself so that I am disabled & laid up for the present. - 5 P.M. got the foresail in again & luffed to the wind again. Middle part still blowing a gale, but moderating a little, lying to under bare poles, got the water under so the pumps will keep her free again. - 4 A.M. got the foresail on her again & kept off E.N.E.

over.



# Brig Homer off the Cape of Good Hope.

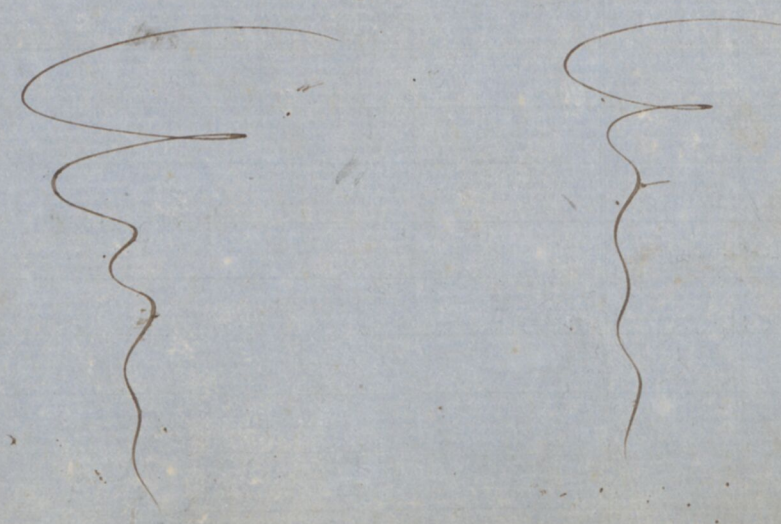
Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 1859. (Continued) In the present condition of the brig so badly knocked to pieces, the pumps going nearly all the time, with not a boat left, nor a rag of storm canvas to show, & the crew nearly worn out with constant exposure & labor at the pumps, it has become necessary for us to make the first port we can reach, contrary to our wish & original intention. Last part brisk wind from W. & hauling to N.W. steering N.E. under reefed foresail & single reefed topsail - unbutton the remnants of the storm staysails, but we have no others to replace them - pumps going only about half the time in moderate weather -

37° 35' S. Obs. 19° 16' E. Chron!

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Fresh winds from N.W. & squally, with a dragged sea, heading N.E. 2 P.M. cloth reefed the foretopsail & braced up - finding ourselves, by our observations so far to the westward of our supposed position, having experienced a strong S.W. Current, we conclude to hold our wind, & try for Cape Town. 4 P.M. put the topsail head N.E. by N. under reefed foresail only - Middle part blowing on a gale - at midnight got & winged the foresail & lay under the lee clew of it - Last part blowing very heavy from N.W. still lying under the lee clew of the foresail, headed to N.E. Both pumps going all the time, & just able to keep the leaks under.

I am still disabled from the hurts received. 3 men off duty forward & the rest nearly worn out by continual wet & labor at the pumps.

38° 05' S. Obs?





# Brig Homer, off the Cape of Good Hope.

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their success

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 1859. Blowing heavy from N.W. with heavy squalls, rain &c. &c. Saw only cross sea running still lying on the N.E. tack under the lee clew of the foresail, with both pumps going - Middle part much the same with frequent squalls of wind & rain - Last part little more moderate with the sun out & thermometer rising, but still blowing fresh with a mountain sea lying under the lee clew of the foresail, head N.N.E. by N. We have no other storm canvas to show - our boats are all gone, all the whaling craft, most of the sail & bulwarks & the hull dreadfully shattered, so that the labor of pumping is almost continual while the rugged weather lasts. - 6 men off duty & the rest well worn out - Cut a hatchway through the cabin floor to get at provision, scuttled a cask of bread, barrel of meat &c. for all that we get to eat or drink we are obliged to crawl for, as we have not dared to start a hatch-batten for there last 10 days. -

38° 04' S. Obs? 38° 21' S. D.A.?

18° 53' E. Chron  
(mean of 5 altitudes)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Still blowing strong from N.W. though not quite so hard as before, but the sea about as heavy as ever, still lying under the lee clew of the foresail. - 7 P.M. set the foresail Middle part moderating & the sea gradually going down set foretop sail - at daylight set whole top sail & topgallant sail reefed main sail &c. Last part died away to light air & doldrums with a tumbling swell, heading all round in the swell. Employed mending damages as well as we are able. Cribbed up part of the side & bulwarks. Sent down the fore royal yard, & hove the deck pot overboard - at noon light breeze from N.W. & head on a wind S.E. by E. & E.S.E.

38° 06' S. Obs.

18° 03' E. Chron



Brig Homer, off the Cape of Good Hope.

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 1859. Light breeze from N<sup>W</sup> to E<sup>SE</sup> & brearing up. head from E. S. E. to E. mended up the old main staysail & set it, - set up the jib guy further aft - as we have no means of replacing the main sail on the bow, - 5 P. M. took in to'gale'sail & single reefed the foot of sail - 10 P. M. finished the jib & reefed the foresail heading up N. E. by E. Strong breeze & rugged in 6 A. M. close reefed the topsail head N. E. Last part a brisk wind from N. W. & W. N. W. steer N. E. 11 A. M. set single reefed topsail again - mending up the old staysail &c.

37° 30' S. Obs. 19° 00' E. Chron.

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June. Brisk winds from W. N. W. & W. with rain squalls, running N. E. by N. & N. N. E. spawed a small dead whale of some description, but he is of no use to us now, as we have lost all our boat, cutting craft &c. 4 P. M. close reefed the topsail again - Middle part moderating down to fine weather & light breeze from W. & hauling to S. W. steering N. by E. 10 P. M. set single reefed topsail, whole foresail & jib - 4 A. M. set fore to'gale'sail light winds from S. & lowered the mainsail. Last part fine weather & light air from S. hauling to S. E. mending up the old staysails &c.

French 36° 16' S. Obs. 18° 54' E. Chron.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from S. E. hauling to E. & set the mainsail again. Steering N. by E. bent a fore staysail. Middle part fine weather & brisk winds from E. S. E. steer N. N. E. 8 P. M. took in to'gale'sail, 11 P. M. single reefed topsail, - 1 A. M. died away calm - at daylight light air from S. W. set to'gale'sail &c. steer N. Last part hauled to N. W. & brearing up - took in to'gale'sail & single reefed again - steering N. - 11 A. M. Saw the land to the E. N. E. -

34° 51' S. Obs.

18° 00' E. Chron.



# Brig Homer, off the Cape of Good Hope.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 1859. Bristle wind from N.W. By 11 A.M. closed reefed the fore top sail & main sail, took in the jib, heading along the land N. to N.N.E. two sails in sight, and a large bark, apparently English C.P.M. tacked off to W. at the Cape of Good Hope bearing E. by N. dist. abt. 12 miles. Middle part brisk wind & rugged, 10 P.M. tacked in to N., 12 M. tacked off again, 14 A.M. tacked in again, heading up N. N.W. Last part fine weather & light breeze, running to N. & E. along the land, bound into Cape Town, got up the chain & bent them to the anchor.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light baffling wind, working in towards the anchorage. Middle the same, 10 P.M. came to with the best bower in an outer berth in 10 fathoms, with 25 fathoms chain, furled sails in 6 A.M. hove up again & worked well in among the shipping, 9 A.M. came to again in 3 1/2 fathoms with the best bower, & 20 fathoms chain, furled sails &c.

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> Clear a.p. Lying at anchor, light wind & fine weather — got up the big chain out of the hold & bent it to the big anchor. &c.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>. Strong breeze from N.W. 7 A.M. hove up the anchor, streamed lines & warped into another berth by order of the harbor master, & came to with the big anchor & 30 fathoms chain, took in the small bower anchor on deck & stowed the chain below, — 6 P.M. hove in part of the chain, streamed the lines & let go the best bower, & gave her 20 fathoms on the best bower & 35 fathoms on the big anchor. — took on board a whale boat, bought fresh provisions.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>. Light breeze & fine weather, not much doing. A survey came on board, consisting of the Capt. of the Port, Capt. Hale of the American bk "Held Eagle," & a ship Carpenter, examined the brig, & made memorandum of damages &c. — 2 P.M. got up some of the sails out of the hold for drying, &c. —



Brig Homer, lying in Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 1859. Fair weather & moderate winds  
Spent A.M. nothing doing of note - sent the  
starboard watch ashore on liberty -  
Last part smart squalls with rain & from N.W.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Squally with rain & from N.W.  
Sent the starboard watch ashore on liberty -  
nothing doing - receiving orders from the  
Carpenters & for repairing the brig -

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> - Fine weather & light air - sent the starboard  
watch ashore on liberty - The Carpenters came on board  
& commenced work. Repairing the brig -

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> - Fine weather & light air - starboard watch  
ashore on liberty - nothing doing of note -

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Fine weather & calm - starboard watch  
ashore on liberty - drying sails &c. - sent down  
the main topmast stay, & sent it up again  
when the job -

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Fine weather, but breezing. Last part  
strong breezes from N.W. - drying sails &c. -  
starboard watch ashore on liberty - 2 Carpenters  
on board caulking round the waterways & stanchions -  
mended & bent another jib - 11 P.M. reeled away the  
cables to 60 fathoms on the big chain & about 35 fathoms  
on the best lower.

Wednesday 22<sup>d</sup> - Brist wind & thick rainy weather. - at noon  
shortened in chain again to 40 fathoms on the big anchor  
- 2 P.M. shortened in to 30 fathoms big chain & 20 fathoms  
on the best lower. P.M. light air & fine - nothing done  
today - no Carpenters on board -

Thursday 23<sup>d</sup> - Fine weather & light wind - sent the starboard  
watch ashore on liberty - broke out & restowed the after  
hold - sent down the starboard after main shroud, which was  
parted during the gale -



Brig Homer, lying in Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope;

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1859. Fine weather & light air —  
9 A.M. Shortened in chain — hove up the lower  
anchor, unshackled & cleared hawse & moved again  
with 35 fathoms big chain & 20 on the lower, —  
2 Starboard watch on liberty — repaired the fore staysail  
— Carpenters at work —

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. Fine weather, Starboard watch on liberty —  
Hove & mended the fore topsail. Spliced the main  
2 shroud &c — Carpenters at work, putting in a new  
breasthook &c —

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light air, nothing doing, —  
Starboard watch on liberty. Last gale blowing on  
fresh breeze from S.E. 10 P.M. secured out chain to  
45 fathoms big chain — 30 on the lower, —  
Sailed Bark "Fleet Eagle" for Boston, direct —

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light winds, Starboard watch  
6 ashore on liberty — mended the foresail &c —  
Carpenters at work. Caulking, splicing quarters sail &c.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> — Fine weather & light winds, Starboard watch  
6 ashore on liberty, employed in various small jobs,  
mended the staysail &c —

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light air, Starboard  
5 watch on liberty, fitted & set up the bowsprit  
shrouds, — main stay &c. Carpenters at work. —

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> — Fine weather & light air with fog in the  
forenoon, — Carpenters at work. — Set up the  
4 main shroud & some other small jobs — Starboard  
watch ashore on liberty —  
Chronometer (with the present rate). 1.32. fast of Greenwich time. —



Brig. Homer, lying in Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope.

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1859. Fine weather & light air  
4. with fog in the morning. Carpenters still at work.  
Starboard watch ashore on liberty. - took on board  
various stores, - bread, Coal &c. &c.

Chronometer, 1:32" fast of true Greenwich time. -

Saturday, 2<sup>d</sup> Fine weather & light breeze, - larboard  
4. watch ashore on liberty. - Carpenters at work, fitting  
boat gear &c. - stowed away the bread, Coal &c. &c.

Chronometer 1:32" fast of true Greenwich time -

Sunday 3<sup>d</sup> Brist wind from W & N.W. & squally  
with some rainy spells - nothing doing. - sent the  
starboard watch ashore on liberty.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Fair weather & light air - employees heaving  
up anchors, clearing foul hawse &c. set up the jib guys.  
4. Carpenters at work. - 8:30<sup>a</sup> anniversary of American  
independence - 3 P.M. sent the larboard watch ashore  
on liberty - moved anew with 35 fathoms big chain &  
25 on the lower.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Fresh breeze from N<sup>e</sup> & rugged -  
- Two Carpenters on board - not much doing -  
Starboard watch on liberty - Cook missing since  
yesterday -

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Strong breeze from N<sup>e</sup> & breezing on with  
rugged weather. Carpenters on board - Larboard  
4. watch on liberty - 11 A.M. veered out to 45 fathoms  
big chain - 2 P.M. veered to 60 fathoms big chain  
40 on the lower -

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Blowing fresh from N<sup>e</sup> with rain squally &c. &  
blowing on a gale. veered to 60 fathoms on both  
chains - got a stopper on & 2 tackles to ride part  
of the strain & ease the windlass. no workmen on board  
& no communication with the shore. 4 men still on  
shore -



Brig Homer, in Cape Town. Cape of Good Hope.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 1859. Moderated & hauled to W<sup>d</sup> with  
squally rain &c. sent boat ashore & got the men off  
- no Carpenters on board & nothing doing - shortened  
in chain to 40 fathoms.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light air - 2 Carpenters on  
board - took the waterboat alongside & received  
about 60 bbls water - Steward came on board.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light air - Last board watch  
ashore on liberty - nothing doing.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light winds - employed in various  
small jobs - took on board another whaleboat from the  
shore, 2 Carpenters on board finishing off the last of the  
work. P.M. Survey came on board & examined (J. Jones  
brought on board.)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light winds, getting ready for sea -  
hove up the lower anchor & shortened it to 30 fathoms on  
the big chain.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Begins with light air & fine weather -  
hove in to 15 fathoms ready for a start, but the wind  
coming down strong from N<sup>e</sup> - veered out chain again.  
P.M. Blowing fresh from N<sup>e</sup> & ruggid, veered away to  
60 fathoms & put the tackle on the chain to ease the  
windlass -

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Fresh breezes from N. to N.W with  
spells of rain &c. still lying at single anchor  
with 60 fathoms chain out - 5 P.M. let go the  
lower anchor & gave her 15 fathoms & veered to  
75 fathoms on the big chain - employed fitting boats &c.  
Last part blowing fresh from N.W. in squally  
with rain &c.



Brig Homer in Cape Town. Cape of Good Hope.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Fresh breezes from N.W. to W. & squally  
7 A.M. took up the lower anchor & shortened in  
to 50 fathoms big chain - blowing fresh all day, did  
not start her.

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> Fresh breezes from W<sup>d</sup> & squally with rain  
Pelee &c. lying at single anchor with 50 fathoms  
chain out. P.M. more moderate - 1 A

Sea &c Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> At 2 P.M. got under way with  
a moderate breeze from W<sup>d</sup> & went to sea -  
at sundown Robben Island bears W.N.W. with fair  
weather & moderate all sail breeze. 6 P.M. all clear.  
Hept N.W. revent the big chain & stowed it below.  
Middle part dying away to light breeze from  
S.W. to W. head N.W. to N.N.W. Last part light  
breeze from W & W.N.W. heading on a wind to N<sup>d</sup>  
along shore. The land in sight by the E<sup>d</sup> dist about  
20 miles. stowed away the anchors & chains &c -

33° 18' S. Obs. 17° 11' E. Chron

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light winds from W & W.N.W.  
On a wind to N<sup>d</sup> along the land. Saw blackbird.  
Middle part light air. head N. to N.W. Last part  
light & variable winds - coiled lines for the boats &c  
No land in sight.

32° 31' S. Obs. 17° 19' E. Chron.

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light winds from S<sup>d</sup>  
Steer N.W. Middle part moderate breeze from  
S & S.E. steer N.W. Last part much the same  
with fair weather - employed in various small jobs  
- nothing in sight.

31° 39' S. Obs. 15° 17' E. Chron.



Brig Homer, South Atlantic, near the Coast of Africa.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1859. Cloudy weather & brisk winds  
From S. S. E. & S. steer N. by W. 5 P.M. took in the  
to gale's sail, & single reefed the fore topsail. steer N. N. W.  
Middle part the same. steer N. N. W. Last part  
the same. 6 A.M. set whole topsail & to gale's sail - steer  
N. by W. saw nothing. 29° 59' S. Obs. 13° 06' E. Chron.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>. Fair weather & brisk breeze from S. S. E.  
steer N. Middle part the same. steer N.  
Last part the same. steer N. by E. nothing  
in sight - 28° 13' S. Obs. 11° 31' E. Chron.

Friday 22<sup>d</sup>. Fair weather & moderate breeze from  
S. S. E. steer N. by E. - Middle part much the same  
Last part the same from S. S. E. steer N. by E.  
26° 10' S. Obs. 10° 38' E. Chron.

Saturday 23<sup>d</sup>. Fair weather & brisk winds from S. S. E.  
steer N. by E. saw porpoises - Middle the same.  
Last part the same. steer N. N. E. employed fitting  
boats &c. - 23° 49' S. Obs. 9° 32' E. Chron.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. Fine weather & moderate breeze from S. S. E.  
steer N. E. by N. - Middle & last parts much the  
same - course N. E. by N. - 21° 27' S. Obs. 9° 32' E. Chron.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>. Fine weather & moderate breeze from  
S. S. E. steer N. E. by N. Middle & last part much  
the same. steer N. E. by N. at mastheads  
Green water. 19° 28' S. Obs. 9° 30' E. Chron.



Yrig Hoomer, off the west Coast of Africa.

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 1859. Fine weather & moderate breeze from S<sup>d</sup> - blew N. E. by N. crossed the fore royal yard & set the royal. Middle & last part much the same with light breezes. Steer N. E. by N.

Greenwater, 17° 39' S. Dec. 9° 32' E. Chron.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breezes from S<sup>d</sup>  
- steer N. E. by N. Middle part light air - Last part  
light air, hauled to E<sup>d</sup>. braced up, heading N. N. E. -

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*SSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS*      *16°.50' S. Obs.*    *9°.38' E. Chron.*

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Light, baffling airs & calms - Middle  
the same. Last part light airs from W<sup>th</sup> &  
hauling wind by S<sup>th</sup> steer N. sent up the main  
topmast & set the rigging up -

No. 16. for Long. 16° 33' S. Obs. 9° 45' E. D. R.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>. Light air from S. & steer N. N. W.  
Middle light baffling air. Calms &c. Last part  
light breeze from W. & W. S. W. steer N. N. W.  
Bent & set the gaff to main -

15° 58' S. Abs. 8° 54' E. Chron.

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light wind from W.  
 Steer S.W. then N.N.W. Middle the same.  
 Last part light breeze from S.W. steer N.N.W.  
 Hunt a first topmark Sharpail, made from the  
 old Sharpail -  $14^{\circ} 52' S$  the  $14^{\circ} 52' E$  Chron.

14° 53' S. Obs. 7° 52' E. Chron.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>. Fine weather & light breeze from S. to S.W.  
Steer N.N.W. Middle the same. Last part the  
same from S. steer N.N.W.

13° 38' S. Obs. 6° 20' E. Chron.



Brig Homer, in the South Atlantic Ocean.

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1859. Fine weather & light breeze from S. by steer N. N. W. Middle the same.

Last part the same with brisk breeze, broke out the main hold, took up the big chain, & stowed it aloft in the run.

12° 14' S. Obs. 4° 46' E. Chron.

Tuesday 2<sup>d</sup>. Fair weather & moderate breeze from S. by steer N. N. W. Middle the same from S. by S. E.

Last part the same with cloudy weather, bent a main topmast stay sail.

No Obs. for Long.

10° 50' S. Obs. 3° 20' E. Chron

Wednesday 3<sup>d</sup>. Cloudy weather & moderate breeze from S. by S. E. steer N. N. W. Middle & last part the same from S. E. steer N. N. W. employed making rattline, spinnage &c.

No Mer. Obs. for Lat.

9° 35' S. D. R. 1° 31' E. Chron.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>. Cloudy weather & moderate breeze from S. by steer N. by W. Middle the same. Last part the same with clear weather - making rattline, spinnage &c.

7° 59' S. Obs. 0° 17' E. Chron.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>. Fine weather & moderate breeze from S. by steer N. by W. Middle & last parts much the same. rattling & tarring rigging &c. —

6° 09' S. Obs. 1° 07' W. Chron

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>. Fine weather & light breeze from S. by steer N. by W. Middle & end the same, rattling down & tarring &c.

4° 34' S. Obs. 2° 37' W. Chron.



Brig Homer, Atlantic Ocean, bound Northward

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 1859. Fine weather & light breeze from S<sup>d</sup> steer N. by W. Middle & last part the same.

3° 15' S. Obs. 4° 02' W. Chron

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from S<sup>d</sup> steer N. by W. Middle & end the same, rattling & tarring down &c.

2° 09' S. Obs. 5° 22' W. Chron.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from S<sup>d</sup> steer N. by W. Middle & last part light air rattling & tarring down &c. saw a frigate.

1° 31' S. Obs. 6° 36' W. Chron

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light air from S<sup>d</sup> steer N. by W. Middle & last part the same from S. S. E. - rattling & tarring down &c.

0° 48' S. Obs. 7° 34' W. Chron.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light air from S<sup>d</sup> steer N. by W. Middle part light air & Calms. Last part the same, rattling & tarring down &c. saw a grampus.

0° 27' S. Obs. 8° 09' W. Chron.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light air from S<sup>d</sup> steer N. Middle light air & Calms. Last part calms & light baffling air. steer N. finished tarring down &c.

0° 02' N. Obs. 8° 36' W. Chron.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Calms & light baffling air. steer N. by W. Went a new fore royal. Middle light air & Calms. Last part light breeze from S. E. steer N. painted outside &c.

Caught several dolphins, bonita &c.

0° 41' N. Obs. 8° 47' W. Chron.



Brig Homer, North Atlantic Ocean.

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 1859. Fine weather & light breeze from S.E. to S. steer N, at sundown the blackfish Middle the same. Caught a porpoise. Last part the same from S. steer N. by W.  
Great numbers of dolphins, albacore, bonitos, porpoises &c. saw a shovelnose shark.

1° 54' N. Obs. 8° 54' W. Chron.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>. Fine weather & light breeze from S. steer N.N.W. Middle the same. Last part from S.W. & squally, steer N.N.W. saw one sail to the N.E.

Error in the longitude the last 2 days.  
3° 30' N. Obs. 11° 50' W. Chron.

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup>. Moderate breeze from S.W. & squally. At 2 P.M. kept N.W. 4 P.M. kept N.N.W. again took in light sails. Middle part light & baffling with calms, rain &c. Last part moderate breeze from W. on a wind to N.N.W. made sail again.

4° 24' N. Obs. 12° 34' W. Chron.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>. Moderate breeze from W. on a wind N.N.W. Passed a large ship bound to the S. Middle part the same. heading N.W. by N. Last part heading N.W. took in the light sails.

5° 24' N. Obs. 13° 39' W. Chron.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>. Bish wind from W.S.W. on a wind N.W. At 6 P.M. single reefed the mainsail & foretop sail Middle the same, head N.W. & N.W. by W. Last part steer N.W. by W. strong breeze at S.W. & rugged, furled the jib.

6° 13' N. Obs. 14° 54' W. Chron.



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Brig Homer, near the Coast of Africa.

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 1859. Strong breezes from S.W. by S. & W. under single reefs. Middle the same. Last part the same steer N.W. set the jib.

6° 54' N. Obs. 16° 24' W. Chron.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. Rugged weather & fresh breeze from S.W. steer N.W. under single reefs. Middle the same from S.S.W. took in the jib. Last part the same, set jib & whole foretopmast, steer N.W.

8° 03' N. Obs. 18° 12' W. Chron.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>. Fine weather & moderate breeze from S.W. falling away to light breeze, steer N.W. by N. - 8 P.M. set whole mainsail & fore & gaff sail - Middle light breeze from W. head on a wind N.W. by N. by N.N.W. Last part the same. head N.N.W. & N. by W.

9° 14' N. Obs. 18° 43' W. Lun 19° 15' W. Chron.

Monday, 22<sup>d</sup>. Fine weather & light breeze from W. head on a wind N.W.W. & N. by W. - sundown took in the light sails. Middle part, brisk wind, head N. by W. & N. reefed the mainsail. Last part strong breeze, head N. & N. by E. furled the jib & single reefed the topmast - unbuttoned the foretop-gallant to mend.

No Observation. 10° 25' N. D. R. —

19° 35' W. D. R. —



Brig Homer. North Atlantic, near Cape Verde.

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 1859. Tugged weather, & strong wind from W.N.W. & close reefed the foretopmast & mainsail. 4 P.M. reefed the foresail, on a wind N. Middle part the same with very rugged sea on & some showers of rain. Last part the same, & hauling back by W. to S.W. head N.W. by N. -

No Mer. Obs. for Lat.  $11^{\circ}40' N$ . D.R.  $19^{\circ}23' W$ . Chron.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. Brisk wind from W. & hauling back to S.W. with a rugged sea on, heading N.W. still under close reef. Middle part strong wind from S.W. with squally bc. steer N.W. Last part the same, set whole foresail & single reefed topmast, Course N.W.

$13^{\circ}14' N$ . Obs.  $20^{\circ}30' W$ . Chron.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>. Tugged weather & strong wind from S.W. with squales. - Steer N.W. close reefed the foretopmast again - Middle part the same. Last part moderate breeze from S. with overcast weather, steer N.W. shook out the reef, set jib bc. -

$14^{\circ}32' N$ . Obs.  $21^{\circ}56' W$ . Chron.  $22^{\circ}25' W$ . 4 P.M.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>. Moderate breeze from S. & rain squally bc. Steer N.W. by W. single reefed the topmast & mainsail - furled the jib. - 6 P.M. close reefed, & reefed the foresail. Middle light air & rain squales. - 10 P.M. tacked off to S. 2 A.M. tacked in again to N.W. daylight made sail. 10 A.M. saw Isle Mayo to N.W. Endy with fine weather & light breezes. Standing in for Mayo - Caught a porpoise

$15^{\circ}02' N$ . Obs.  $23^{\circ}07' W$ . Chron (30 M)  
Chron. only about 10 miles West of true longitude



# Brig Homer, near the Cape Verde Islands.

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 1859. Fine weather & light breeze from S.W. standing in on a wind for Isle Mayo - saw one small coasting vessel - 4 P.M. squared the yards & steer E. by S. E. to pass to leeward of Mayo - Middle part light wind, running from E. N. E. to N. E. Last part baffling & light air from N. to N.W. on a wind to N. & E. - Bonavista in sight to the W. saw one sail -

15° 59' N. Obs. 22° 12' W. Chron

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light wind from N. & N.W. on a wind to N. E. one schooner in sight on the opposite tack. Saw a few blackfish, but going quick. Middle part wind hailing to N. - 10 A.M. tacked to W. at daylight. Bonavista in sight bearing from W. by S. to W. N. W. - heading N. W. one schooner in sight. Last part moderate trades from N. N. E. set N. W. by W. between Bonavista & Sal - 9 A.M. saw Sal to the N.

16° 37' N. Obs. 22° 50' W. Chron.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Moderate trades from N. & bearing - 4 P.M. single reefed fore & main sail - steering W. N. W. between Bonavista & Sal - saw a ship bound to Sal - Middle part strong breeze & rugged, took in the jib, steering W. by N. 3 P.M. light air, under the lee of St. Nicolas - shook out the reefs, set jib &c. Last part brisk trades from N. N. E. & hazy weather, on a wind N. W. but could not see the land -

16° 18' N. Obs. 24° 34' W. Chron.



Big Homer, near the Cape Verde Islands, Homeward.

Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 1859. Strong N.E. trade & rigged  
Tweather, I close reefed the foretopmast & mainsail.  
4 P.M. reefed the foresail. steer N.N.W. Middle  
strong winds & baffling from N.E. to S.E. with an ugly  
sea too. steer N.W. by W. at daylight hauled on E  
wind. Last part strong trade from E.N.E. & a  
humbling sea. set single reefed topsail & whole foresail  
on a wind to N<sup>d</sup> - Saw a hermaphrodite brig bound  
to the S.W.

17° 00' N. Obs. 26° 12' W. Chron.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>. Strong trades from E.N.E. & very rugged.  
- 4 P.M. close reefed the foretopmast again. on a  
wind N. - Middle the same, but more moderate.  
Last part the same. set jib & single reef. head  
N. to N.N.W. saw a bark bound to the S<sup>d</sup>

18° 10' N. Obs. 26° 49' W. Chron.

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> September. Fair weather & moderate  
winds from E.N.E. with a heavy swell. under  
single reef - Middle the same. Last  
part the same. set whole foretopmast -  
head N. to N.N.W.

No mer. obs. for Lat. 19° 40' N. D.R. 28° 04' W. Chron.

Friday 2<sup>d</sup>. Brist trades from N.E. to E.N.E. 5 P.M.  
single reefed the foretopmast again - Middle the  
same with rain squalls. Last part the same.  
from E<sup>d</sup> under single reef. head from  
N. by W. to N.N.E. - Saw nothing.

20° 54' N. Obs. 29° 30' W. Chron.

Leak appears to increase on the  
starboard tack.



Brig Homer. North-Atlantic Ocean. Homeward.

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1859. Brist trades from E<sup>th</sup>  
by N. under single reefs. - Middle & end  
much the same. Saw nothing. head N. by W. to  
N. by E.  
22° 43' N. Obs. 30° 46' W. Chron.

Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup>. Brist trades from E. N. E. & E. by N. under  
single reefs. - Middle the same.  
Last part strong winds - 7 A.M. furled the jib. -  
10 A.M. close reefed the foretop sail & mainsail - on a  
wind - N. saw nothing.  
24° 40' N. Obs. 31° 34' W. Chron.

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup>. Tugged weather & strong trades from  
E. N. E. under close reefs. - Middle the same.  
Last part more moderate, set single reefed  
fore top sail; head N. by E. to N. by W.  
Leak 350 strokes an hour on the right tack.  
26° 20' N. Obs. 32° 39' W. Chron.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>. Brist wind from E<sup>th</sup> & fair weather.  
- 2 brigs in sight, bound to the S. W.  
- 1 P.M. set jib & single reefed mainsail & kept  
off N. N. W. Middle part moderate from  
E<sup>th</sup> running N. N. W. Last part the same.  
Shook out reefs. set topgall'sail &c. mended  
the fore top sail & beat the other old one.  
Saw nothing.  
27° 56' N. Obs. 34° 25' W. Chron.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>. Fair weather & light breeze from E. & E. N. E. Steer  
N. N. W. Middle light from E. to S. E. Last part  
light from S. E. steer N. N. W. mending foretop sail &c.  
Saw nothing.  
29° 18' N. Obs. 35° 49' W. Chron.



Brig Homer, North Atlantic Ocean. Homeward.

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September. 1859. Fine weather & light  
fair from S.E. steer N.N.W. Middle  
light air & baffling, doldrums &c. Last part  
light air & Calm, mended the mainsail  
to mend &c. saw nothing -

No Obs for Long. 29:53' N. Obs. 36:20' W. DR.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Light air from S.E. to E. steer N.N.W.  
mended the mainsail again. Middle  
& Last part light breeze & fine weather.  
steer N.N.W. saw a few pieces of gulfweed.

31:01' N. Obs. 37:42' W. Chron

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from  
S.E. & steer N.W. mended the old fore  
topsail & bent the other one. Middle part  
light breeze, steer N.W. passed a large  
ship bound to the S.E. Last part light  
breeze from S.E. & rain squalls. steer N.N.W.  
to N.W. painting inside &c. -

Some gulfweed. -  
32:03' N. Obs. 39:26' W. Chron.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light winds from S.E.  
steer N.N.W. to W.N.W. Middle the  
same from E. S.E. steer W. by N. Last part the  
same, lowered the mainsail, steer W.N.W. a bark  
in sight bound to N. & E. -

32:04' N. Obs. 41:02' W. Chron.

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from E. S.E.  
steer W.N.W. - Middle the same. Last part the  
same from S.E. steer W.N.W. under all sail. Saw a  
steamer bound to the S. -

32:18' N. Obs. 43:14' W. Chron.



# North Atlantic Ocean, Homeward.

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 1859. Fair weather & light breeze from S.E. steer W. N. W. some rain squalls. - Middle & last part much the same, saw nothing.  
32° 27' N. Obs. 45° 32' W. Chron.

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from S.E. steer W. N. W. Middle the same. Last part the same from E. S. E. saw nothing.  
some gulfweed.  
32° 40' N. Obs. 47° 14' W. Chron.

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from E. S. E. steer W. N. W. Middle & last part the same, saw two sails bound to the S. -  
32° 55' N. Obs. 48° 46' W. Chron.

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from E. S. E. steer W. by N. - Middle & last part the same. saw nothing.  
32° 50' N. Obs. 50° 34' W. Chron.

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from E. S. E. steer W. by N. - Middle & last part the same. saw nothing.  
32° 48' N. Obs. 52° 00' W. Chron.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light breeze from E. S. E. steer W. by N. Middle light air. Last part the same from S. E. rest main air &c. saw nothing.  
32° 46' N. Obs. 53° 12' W. Chron.



Brig Homer, in the North Atlantic Ocean. Homeward.

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September. 1859. Calm & light air  
from S.E. steer W. by N. Middle light breeze  
from S.E. steer W. N. W. Last part the same,  
saw nothing.

33:00 N. Obs.

54:30' W. Chron.  
54:00' W. Lunar.

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup>. Fine weather & light breeze from S.E.  
steer W. N. W. Middle light air from S. &  
S. W. Last part the same. very light air.  
saw nothing.

33:17' N. Obs.

55:18' W. Chron.  
54:51' W. Lunar.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Light air from S. Course W. N. W.  
Middle light air from E. S. E. Last  
part the same. steer W. N. W. saw nothing.

33:33' N. Obs.

55:48' W. Chron.  
55:18' W. Lunar.

Thursday 22<sup>d</sup>. Fine weather & light air from E.  
steer W. by N. Middle & last parts much  
the same. saw nothing.

33:19' N. Obs.

57:10' W. Chron.

Friday 23<sup>d</sup>. Fine weather & light air from E.  
steer W. N. W. Middle & end the same.  
saw nothing.

33:33' N. Obs.

58:24' W. Chron.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Fine weather & light air from E.  
steer W. N. W. Middle the same  
Last part light from S. & S. W. heading  
W. N. W. saw nothing.

33:56' N. Obs.

59:15' W. Chron.



Brig Homer, North-Atlantic Ocean, Homeward.

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 1859. Fine weather & light winds from S.W. on a wind W.N.W. - Middle part the same from S.W. Last part moderate breeze from S.W. & squally, running W.N.W. Saw nothing.

34° 25' N. Obs. 61° 05' W. Chron

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Brist wind from S.W. & squally, running W.N.W. - 6 P.M. single reefed the topsail & mainsail. - Middle part squally took in jib & closed reefed mainsail. Last part squally from S.S.W. shook out reef, reefed & shook out again &c. &c. saw nothing. - Steering W.N.W.

35° 04' N. Obs. 63° 30' W. Chron.

Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> Brist wind from S.S.W. & S.W. & squally, hailing W.N.W. set up the backstays &c. saw one sail. - 5 P.M. close reefed. 10 P.M. wind shifted to N.W. with light air & rainy. Middle part wind hauled clear round by N.W. & E. to S.E. at daylight made sail. Last part wind hauled to N.W. again & cleared. Steer W.N.W. put a new leech rope on the mainsail & picked up a piece of plank.

35° 36' N. Obs. 64° 42' W. Chron

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Fair weather & moderate all sail breeze from N.W. steer W.N.W. Middle the same from N.N.E. Last part stiff breeze from N.E. running W.N.W. Saw nothing. - cloudy weather -

No good Obs. for Lat. 36° 05' N. Obs? 66° 20' W. Chron.?



Brig Homer, North Atlantic, Homeward.

Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1859. Cloudy weather  
by strong breeze from N.E. steered W.N.W.  
single reefed the fore top sail & closed the  
main sail. Middle the same. Last part  
light breeze from N.W. made all sail on a wind  
saw nothing. 36° 02' N. Obs. 69° 00' W. Chron

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> Moderate breeze from N.W. & E.  
& squally, on a wind to N.W. saw 2 sail-  
at 6 P.M. single reefed & P.M. closed.  
Middle part brisk winds from N.E. & rugged  
sea on head N.W. Last part the same,  
unbent the jib & bent the other one.

37° 13' N. Obs. 70° 00' W. Chron.

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1859. Fresh breeze from N.E.  
by very rugged sea on head N.W. under  
close reefed the fore sail. Middle  
the same but moderating down. at  
daylight made all sail N.W. Last  
part light breeze from N.E. to E. & dying  
away to Calm. steered N. saw nothing.

38° 33' N. Obs. 71° 20' W. Chron.  
71° 34' W. Lunar.

Sunday, 2<sup>d</sup>. Light airs & Calm. Middle  
light airs from S.W. steered N.W. & E. Last  
part the same. 10 A.M. wind shifted to  
N.W. breeze up & closed reefed on the Western  
tack. cloudy weather, rain &c. Saw an  
eel.

39° 18' N. Obs? 71° 38' W. Chron



Brig Homer, Coast of America, Homeward.

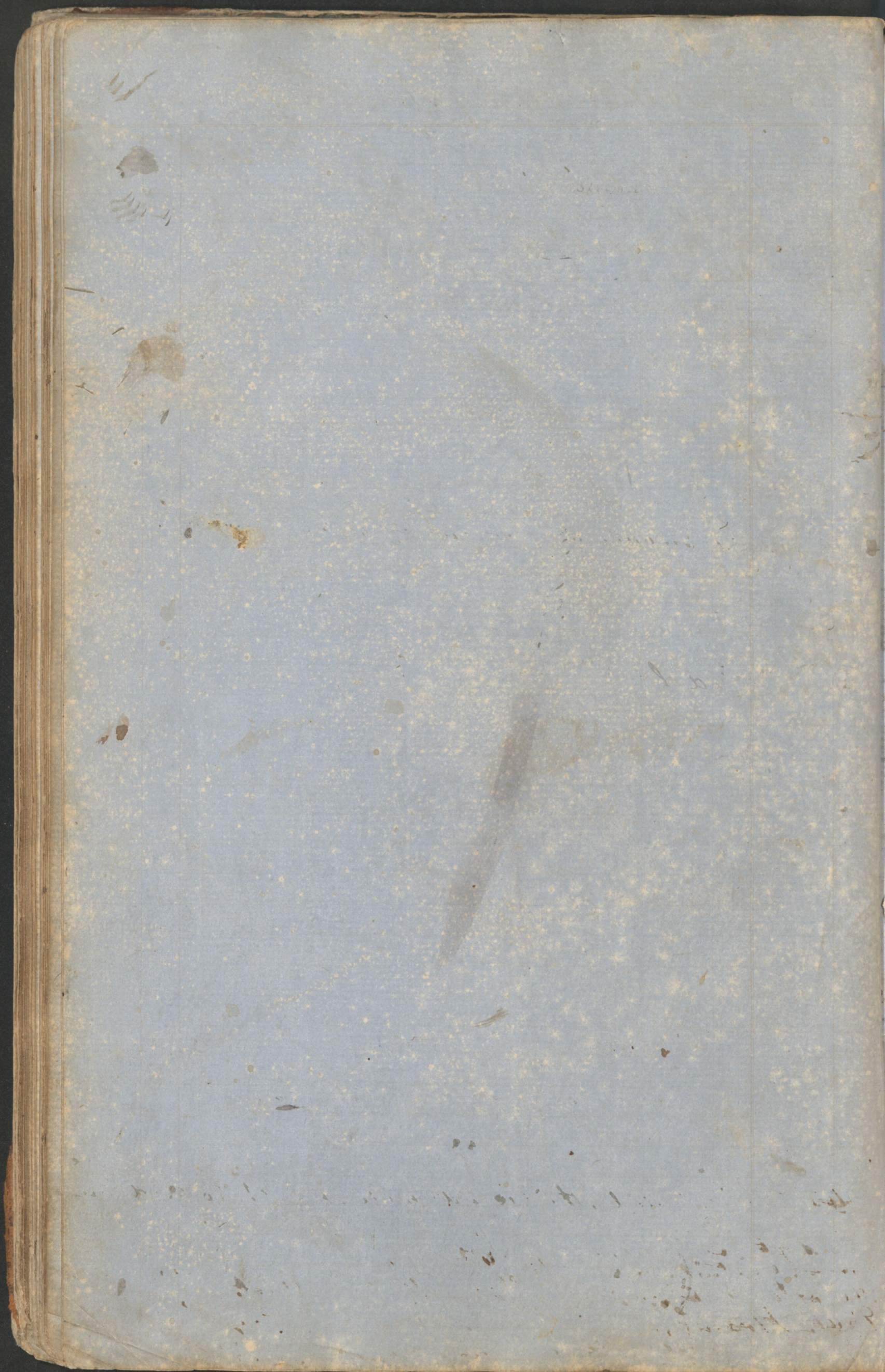
Monday, 3<sup>d</sup> October, 1859. Variable weather &  
Brisk winds from N. & hauling to N.W.  
- 3 P.M. Tacked ship, head N. by E. made  
sail again. Middle part strong breezes  
from W. to N.W. head N. to N.N.E. under  
single reef. Last part much the same.  
11 A.M. saw Block Island to N.N.W. -

40° 59' N. Obs.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Brisk winds from W. N.W. running  
in for the Vineyard Sound - 5 P.M. took  
a Vineyard pilot - 9 P.M. Came to anchor  
in Holmes' Hole with best bower & 30 fathoms.

Washington Islands discovered by Hope of Boston, Ingraham, on voyage from Mendoza  
Islands to N.W. coast of America. 1791







$$4\frac{2}{3} = 70^\circ$$

$$3\frac{3}{4} = 82^\circ$$

$$5 = 60^\circ$$

$$14:9:11 \frac{20}{3}$$

$$14)60 \frac{4}{7}$$

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$$82)300(3\frac{3}{4})$$

$$246$$

$$54$$

$$12:9:11 \frac{20}{3}$$

$$4:3:11 \frac{20}{3}$$

W.W. May 21<sup>st</sup>

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F.L. June 3<sup>rd</sup> 13 p.m. and June 22<sup>nd</sup>

" June 23<sup>rd</sup> 17 p.m. returned.

W.W. June 21<sup>st</sup> 6 p.m. med. exp.

W.W. July 14<sup>th</sup> 7. Str. Int.

P.L. " 14<sup>th</sup> 8. Str. Vis. returned

S.N. " 14<sup>th</sup> 7 Amputation

O " 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:7-

N.W. Aug 18 - (returned)

W.W. " 12-

W.W. Sept 9 - Elephant

O. Sept 9 - O.K.

P.L. Sept 15<sup>th</sup> wife -

W.W. Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> sunken boat

W.W. Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> truck

P.L. Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> King 15 Doyle (paid)

W.W. Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Northwest (paid)

P.L. Oct 19<sup>th</sup> - Con Dalry

E. J. J. " 21<sup>st</sup> Amos Coffin (paid)

P.L. " 21<sup>st</sup> Desperado (returned)

W.W. " 26<sup>th</sup> Guses, (returned)

W.W. " 31<sup>st</sup> Desperado (returned)

W.W. Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Smart Salesman

E. J. J. " 10<sup>th</sup> Bloodley Murderer

P.L. " 13. Renegade. 10

W.W. " 13. Savages. 7 1/2 returned

E. J. J. " 16. Redgaiter. 15 paid

" " 16. Desperado 10 paid

Conrad " 18<sup>th</sup> E. Verdes - 9

" " Smart Salesman 7

J. L. " 18. Brum Dick - 10

E. J. J. " 25 Black Bath 15

J. L. " 25 Squimau - 5 1/2 - 5 1/2

E. J. J. " 30 Osborn's Brother 15

J. L. Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Scarecrow 7

E. J. J. " 8<sup>th</sup> Bendita 9 1/2

E. J. J. " 11<sup>th</sup> Capt Daniel 18

J. L. " 21<sup>st</sup> Underminding 6

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